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DUE TO INSTALLATION OF NEW UNDERSEA CABLE

Sugar Dock to close partially

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REPORTER

A portion of Sugar Dock and other public beaches in the CNMI would be temporarily closed for safety measures as Docomo Pacific lays down its new undersea fiber optic cable.

Claudine Camacho, environmental services chief of Duenas and Camacho Associates Inc., announced the partial closures during a public hearing on Docomo Pacific's undersea

fiber optic cable on Wednesday at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality conference room.

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Feds to review NMI economic activity

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Members of the U.S. Government Accountability Office will be arriving in the CNMI either on Nov. 28 or the first week of December to assess the overall climate of economic development, especially on Saipan. GAO, also called the "congressional watchdog" is an agency that provides auditing, evaluation, and investiga-

tive services for Congress.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Velma Palacios, in their yesterday general membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's SandCastle, said they met with GAO officials last September when Gov.

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Hocog served with summons over M/V Luta

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Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto has already served Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog with a federal summon in connection with his lawsuit against Hocog and some owners/operators of

the shipping vessel M/V Luta.

Yamamoto, through George Lloyd Hasselback, filed on Wednesday before the U.S. District Court for the NMI a copy of the summons.

According to court documents, process server Rainaldo S. Agulto

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TOP CHEF

Marinero Galit, holds up his first place trophy as his colleagues at Saipan World Resort mob him after being declared the CNMI's Next Top Chef on Nov. 2, 2016.

MICHAEL T. SANTOS

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DPS expects crime rate to rise

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With the current development and economic activity in the CNMI, especially on Saipan, the Department of Public Safety plans to beef up its enforcement and community pres-

ence in anticipation of an increase in crimes.

DPS Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero, who was yesterday's guest speaker in the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting at the SandCastle of the Hyatt Regency Saipan, said

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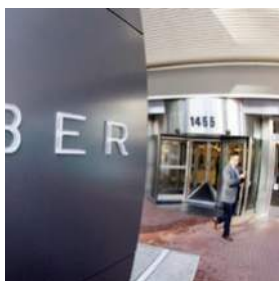
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Man who had threatened to burn his family gets one year in prison

A 41-year-old man accused of burning papers, throwing \$250 into a fire, and threatening to burn his family at their home in the Koblerville Turnkey Housing pleaded guilty on Wednesday in the Superior Court and was slapped with a one-year prison term.

Jesse Billy Mailuw Jr., 41, pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace and assault (domestic violence) as part of a plea deal.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Mailuw to six months each for disturbing the peace and assault. Mailuw will spend a total of one year in prison without the possibility of parole. He was given credit for 205 days of time served. He was ordered to pay \$25 in court costs.

The judge directed the CNMI clerk of court to fax or provide a copy of his judg-

ment and order to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Mailuw is a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The Office of the Attorney General originally charged Mailuw with disturbing the peace, assault, and child abuse or neglect.

On Wednesday, assistant attorney general Jonathan Glass Jr., counsel for the government, dropped the charge of child abuse or neglect.

According to police, on April 9, 2016 on Saipan, Mailuw threw burning papers at his wife and their infant son and threatened to burn them.

There were no serious injury and the victim did not require medical assistance. The OAG said the victim supports the plea deal. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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What does Citizenship Day mean to you?

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REPORTER



Guerrero

"Honestly, it just means a holiday, off from work and that's it."

—**Nathan Guerrero**, Fina Sisu,



Sablan

"I would have to say the holiday is really important. If things didn't happen as they

did, we wouldn't be able to do many of the things we do on island now."

—**Alexis Paige Sablan**, San Jose



Hapdie

"Citizenship Day for me is a holiday I spend to meet up and catch up with friends or spend time with people that matter to me. It's a time to spend with people, not just a day off."

—**Mark Hapdie**, Garapan



Lizama

"Citizenship Day is a time to be thankful for the privileges we take for granted every-

day. Not everyone can be born a citizen of the United States and some people work really



Islam

"To me, it's just a reminder to do more with the things given to us due to our status as citizens of the United States."

—**Syfl Islam**, Garapan



Eklingbergs

"Citizenship means I could vote and I could work for the federal gov-

ernment. Coming from Europe and being a war veteran for about 40 years, I eventually became naturalized as a United States citizen. I'm just thankful for the opportunities I am able to chose from."

—**Imants Eklingbergs**, Chalan Galaide



Sison

"Citizenship Day, to me, is a time to be thankful, for the people who have come before us that gave us things we have now."

—**Benjamin Sison**, As Lito



San Nicolas

"I don't really celebrate it. People may find a lot of significance in the event, and I understand it [significance] but for me, during the holiday, I still work."

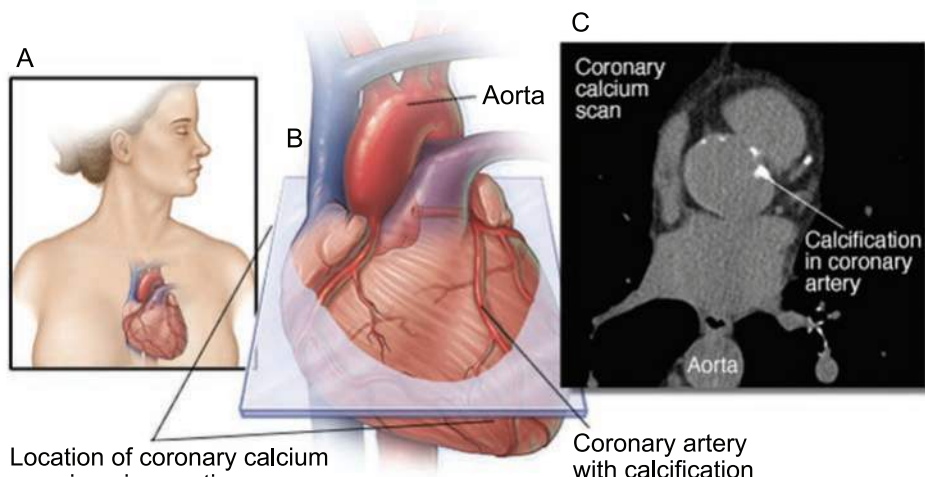
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FEDS

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Ralph DLG Torres and SCC secretary Alex Sablan testified in an oversight hearing of the House Committee on Natural Resources.

"We've met with GAO, an agency of the U.S. Congress, when they began to review the CNMI's U.S. labor market policies. GAO will begin this work in response to a statutory requirement and a request made by [Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan] and a ranking member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources," said Palacios.

"[GAO is] mandated by Congress to conduct reviews on the impact of the minimum wage increase. And [Delegate Gregorio Sablan] also requested GAO to come here and a ranking House member to see firsthand the impact of the [CNMI-Only Transition Worker Nonimmigrant Visa] CW1 program because that is what we are focusing on right now."

Labor market changes since the minimum wage increased,

the CW1 workers' role and significance to the CNMI economy, and how the U.S. and CNMI programs have promoted U.S. citizen training and employment are the things that GAO would cover in their review.

"It is basically to see what we've been doing with the minimum wage and how it has impacted the community," said Palacios.

She added that GAO came here more four years ago, back when there was no development and economic activity in the CNMI due to the effects of the global financial crisis. "When they first came here, the economy was down. People were leaving to go to the mainland to look for jobs, some businesses either closed or cut their hours."

"But right now we have a booming economy and there's growth. It is different when they were here in 2012 and a lot of things happened after that. We see growth in investment, businesses are opening, a lot of franchises opened, and that's why the more we need workers," said Palacios.

She believes the minimum

wage in the CNMI won't be an issue since businesses complied with the 0.50-cent increase. "It has been increasing and some businesses have already been paying more than the federal level of \$7.25 because it is needed, to remain competitive and keep your employees, especially those who are performing well."

Palacios, however, again said that some small businesses won't be able to afford the increase or they could raise the minimum wage of their workers but they have to also pass the cost to consumers.

She said GAO would meet and talk with business and other leaders in the CNMI to discuss issues that would affect the economy and labor matters. "GAO would make a report after that. They would come here and study everything. They are looking at April to present their report to Congress. Once [the report] is completed, they would give a more definitive timeline."

Government support

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan said they continue to

work with the business sector to find solutions to the CW1 issue. The governor and Sablan met last week to further discuss the matter before GAO's scheduled visit.

Torres said GAO's visit is important and timely. "We have spoken with GAO officials who are undertaking this important and timely review. I am confident that the numbers and the study will reflect the need for increased labor supply in our economy and the importance of increasing wages across the board for all CNMI workers."

"I am looking forward to working with GAO on this project and believe that when the report is completed in the spring of 2017 it will provide us with useful and actionable data for the road ahead."

Sablan said a coordinated effort is needed to address the CNMI's labor issues. "I've met with the governor to discuss and coordinate our efforts to address the Commonwealth's workforce challenges, now that employers have once again reached the annual CW1 cap. [We] also invited the leaders of several

local business organizations to join us in the discussion."

"I plan to continue supporting the governor's 902 position by introducing his proposals as legislation in the new Congress that begins in January, as I already have done in the current Congress."

HOCOG

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personally served the summons on Hocog at a residence in As Lito last Oct. 28 at 4:40pm.

The summons, which was issued by U.S. District Court for the NMI clerk of court Heather L. Kennedy on Oct. 28, gave Hocog 21 days to answer Yamamoto's lawsuit.

"If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court," the summons told Hocog.

Aside from Hocog, Yamamoto is suing M/V *Luta*, Luta Mermaid LLC, Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Men-

He added that more meeting and dialogue would take place to resolve the issue. "And I look forward to a continuing dialogue with the governor on how to ensure that we put U.S. workers first when filling the jobs created by development in the Marianas."

diola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, Fidel Mendiola Jr., and Robert Toelkes.

Yamamoto is suing them for breach of contract, fraud, and unjust enrichment.

Yamamoto alleged that Hocog and co-defendants refused to pay back the \$3.4 million that he put up for M/V *Luta*. He asked the court that the vessel be condemned and be sold to pay his demands, including interest and cost.

With the filing of the lawsuit, the U.S. Marshal Service seized M/V *Luta* last Oct. 25 pursuant to the court's warrant for the maritime arrest of the cargo ship.

The U.S. Marshal Service then appointed the National Maritime Services Inc. as custodian of the vessel.

SUGAR

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Called ATISA, it is set to become operational in May 2017.

Last year, the severance of IT&E's fiber optic cable—the CNMI's lone undersea cable—effectively disconnected the islands from the rest of the world as Internet and phone lines went down and put commerce at a standstill.

Docomo Pacific, owned by NTT Docomo Inc. of Japan, decided to place its own fiber optic cable along the main islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

Camacho said in a presentation that Docomo's cables would be apart from IT&E's fiber optic cables "in order to minimize risks."

"Should there be a natural phenomenon, we don't want to have all our eggs in the same basket. Having that separation would minimize that risk. We were also looking to create as much separation to existing cables as possible," said Camacho.

On Saipan, Chalan Kanoa's Sugar Dock was chosen as the most viable spot on Saipan to lay the fiber optic cables.

"We've really explored all the feasible sites and we've really narrowed it down to a site in Chalan Kanoa, just south of the Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel," said Camacho.

She said that no trees would be removed or mown down and that Sugar Dock has an area that "minimizes the impact on habitat."

"This area is not within any land or sea preserved marine

protected area, and there has been a thorough archaeological investigation of the area," said Camacho.

"Several subsurface trenches were performed by Dr. Stephen Athens of the International Archaeological Research Institute of Hawaii. All the trenches did not yield any intact cultural deposits," she added.

Camacho added that the fiber optic cable would be buried in the sand and that the project would take about a month per island.

"All the environmental protection measures would be present, to contain sediment within the work zone during construction, which would be estimated to take about a month for each site," she said.

Docomo's fiber optic site for Rota and Tinian would be at a beach southwest of Song-song village and the northern area of Tachogña Beach, respectively.

A portion of both beaches would be closed in order to accommodate the project, and like Saipan's site, both sites do not require any removal of trees and have undergone archaeological investigations.

Docomo Pacific president and CEO Jonathan Kriegel was pleased with the hearing.

"I think we had a reasonably good turnout from the community. A variety of interests [were] represented—businesses, youth groups, and that was good. I thought it was a very constructive set of questions about the environment and the potential business impact, so all the questions were in fact constructive," he said.



EARLY VOTERS

Early voters fall in line outside the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon during the third day of the seven-day early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. A total of 804 voters showed up at the designated polling places on the three islands, surpassing the number of voters on the first and second day of early voting.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

DPS

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they expect criminal activities to rise with the opening of the casino and other businesses in the coming months.

"There would be more people on the island. The casino and other big business will bring in more people. And whenever there's more people, we anticipate crime to increase as well," he said. "We anticipate the presence of more criminal activities on our streets with the increased economic activity. We're preparing for everything—robbery, theft, ice, and other crimes. A

lot of robberies are connected with drugs and we're preparing for that."

Guerrero said the CNMI Drug Task Force—composed of personnel from DPS, the Division of Customs Services, and the Department of Corrections—seized over 2,000 grams of "ice" or crystal meth last year.

"This has a street value of over \$800,000. The task force is involved in the daily operations on what to do and who to investigate."

"We do get briefed on it but we don't get into the operations issues. But we do have a lot of arrests involving ice," said Guerrero, who

added that there are inmates at Corrections on drug-related charges.

Guerrero said the drug court, which is still fairly new in the CNMI, is a separate entity that would do the whole process of reviewing the cases. "What happens is, we bring in guys and then refer them to the [Office of the Attorney General], and go to the drug court."

DPS has arrested 113 individuals for crimes against property and another 379 for crimes against persons this year alone. "These individuals, as you've probably heard, have been prosecuted and others have ongoing trial. We

made quite a number of arrests, there are a lot of pending cases that have search warrants, and active cases against criminals being investigated," said Guerrero.

He added that most of those arrested, either awaiting or have ongoing trial are detained at Corrections. "The facility is built to hold up to 600 inmates. When I left Corrections, there were around 150 and right now, probably around 200 and there's quite a bit involving ice. The federal detainees are different, they are at the facility for awhile then shipped out to serve time in federal prisons," Guerrero said.

Huge number of voters on third day of early voting

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REPORTER

A much larger number of voters turned up yesterday during the third day of the seven-day early voting period, with 804 who cast their votes on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"It's a huge number," Commonwealth Election Commission administrative officer Kayla Igitol told *Saipan Tribune*.

As this developed, *Saipan Tribune* learned that CEC administrative hearing officer George Lloyd Hasselback began hearing yesterday 20 cases of "dual voters."

Hasselback and CEC legal counsel and assistant attorney general Michael Witry are expected to continue hearing of other cases today, Friday.

Witry is also involved in the hearing, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Igitol said that on Saipan, 549 from Saipan and the Northern Islands voted, 45 from Tinian, and 20 from Rota, for a total of 614 voters.

Igitol said that on Tinian there were 45 voters, while there were 20 on Rota.

Compared to the first two days where there was no long line at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, there was a long line yesterday at certain times. Voting, however, still went smoothly.

Igitol said not only were there a lot of voters but also CEC was short of manpower.

Igitol said only seven staffers were at the Multi-Purpose Center because one staff was assisting Hasselback and Witry at the hearing for "dual voters."

At 1:30pm, *Saipan Tribune* observed a long line at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Jen Taisakan, 34, said that early voting is much better.

"It's very fast," said Taisakan who is a voter for the Northern Islands and among the early voters on Saipan.

Tricia Cabrera, 42, said it's her second time to try early voting.

During the first day of the early voting on Tuesday, 581 trooped to designated polling places on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. On Wednesday, the second day, there was a big turnout as 623 cast their votes on the three islands.

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Special assistant for Public Transportation Alfreda P.

COTA moves forward with full transit plans

Camacho said the Torres administration and maintenance facility will consist of a concrete building, which will be

a combined structure with approximately 10,900 square feet of total floor space. The planning phase is currently underway with a target start date next year.

"This facility will house the One-Call/One-Click Center for convenient access to transportation services and will accommodate the growing fleet of transit vehicles in order to best serve our local community. COTA is very grateful to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog for the continued support for public transportation in the CNMI," she said.

The proposed project is anticipated to cost just over \$1 million, funded entirely by the VTCLI II grant through the Federal Transit Administra-

tion grant under the Department of Transportation.

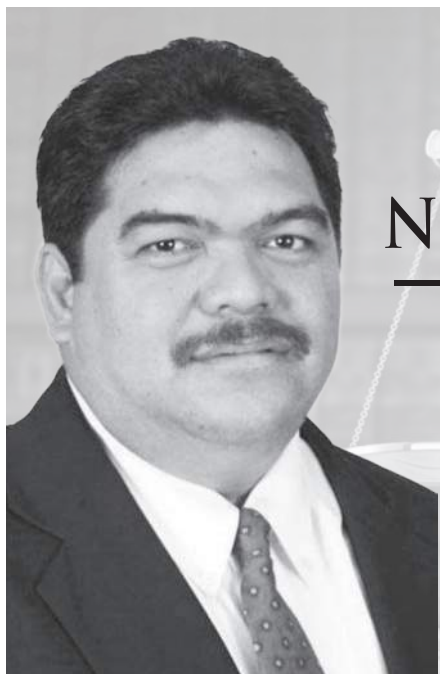
The permanent facility is the latest development in COTA's plans to fully provide transit services to residents. Last June, COTA held a test run of its fixed-flex route service, which will run along the southern end of Garapan to the Northern Marianas College. The service, which will start early next year, goes through key points and areas to provide a public transportation alternative for CNMI residents and visitors, while reducing traffic congestion, carbon emissions, accidents, and fuel costs while improving air quality.

According to Torres, the construction of a dedicated transportation office is another step closer for the Commonwealth to meet its transportation needs.

"Improving our infrastruc-

ture is important and the construction of COTA's office will allow us to steadily improve our services and remove the transportation barrier in our community in terms of access to employment, child-care, education and health-care. This administration is committed to providing safe, efficient and quality transportation to improve our standard of living. That is why we ask for the community's patience. We commend the progress of COTA and look forward to meeting the needs for transit services in our community very soon," he said.

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Woman re-arrested for allegedly selling 'ice'

Drug Enforcement Task Force officers re-arrested yesterday morning in China Town a woman allegedly engaged in trafficking methamphetamine or "ice."

Task force agents re-arrested Kisha Lyn Masga King, 29, after the Office of the Attorney General asked the Superior Court to revoke her release because she allegedly failed to cooperate with law enforcers in ongoing investigations.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho re-imposed yesterday afternoon King's \$54,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for Nov. 10 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for King. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

Task force officer Rudolph C. Sablan Jr. stated in court documents that he arrested King last April 27 for illegal possession of a controlled substance and trafficking of a controlled substance.

Sablan said that King later said she wants to assist law enforcement as a confidential informant, provided that the Department of Public Safety would agree to release her without cash bail.

Authorities agreed and the court granted King's release on April 27, and the matter was then sealed.

In the government's motion to revoke King's release yesterday, the OAG alleged that King did not provide substantial assistance and accurate information to law enforcement officials.

Sablan said he arrested King last April 27 after their cooperating source managed to purchase a total of \$250 worth of 1.2 gross grams of "ice" during two deals.

EOC warns of squalls

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State Warning Point, Doppler radar and satellite imagery indicated that squall lines over Guam and Rota waters have shifted northward. These squall lines are moving from Rota waters into Tinian and Saipan waters. They are capable of producing thunderstorms and wind gusts of 25 to 35 knots at least for the next two hours.

Mariners can expect gusty winds, high waves, and possible dangerous lightning and visibility of down to one-half mile in heavy showers.

The EOC is advising the public and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, to avoid sailing in these conditions. Inexperienced mariners should move to safe harbor immediately or stay close to shore until conditions have improved. (EOC)

ating source bought \$100 "ice" from King in a parking lot of a store in Gualo Rai

last April 8. King was allegedly with a male companion during the deal.

Sablan said their cooperat-

ing source purchased \$150 worth or 0.7 gross grams of "ice" from King in a parking lot of a store in Chalan Laulau

last April 9. The defendant was allegedly with the same male companion during the second deal. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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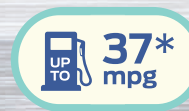
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Division of Customs Services director Jose C. Mafnas, left, and Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho are shown during yesterday's training for customs officers at the Northern Marianas College.

'More experts to train Customs'

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Division of Customs Services director Jose C. Mafnas said more experts from the Oceania Customs Organization will visit the CNMI to assist in training and updating of their personnel. OCO operations manager Tevita Tupuo was on Saipan last week to conduct a weeklong seminar for Customs officers and cadets.

Mafnas said the series of trainings would help them when it comes to guarding the borders, especially with Saipan experiencing renewed economic activity. "Our objective now is to provide more training for our officers. We are seeing a lot of economic activity that's happening now. We already know that with an increase in flights, and visitor and cargo arrivals as evidence.

"This is a great opportunity for the CNMI's economy and its people. But it also comes with a challenge, especially for us at the frontline. And this training addresses a lot of customs matters, from border management and revenue collection, to integrity and leadership."

The CNMI being a member of OCO—composed of 24 countries in Oceania including Australia, New Zealand, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau—allows the Commonwealth to avail of trainings by customs experts from its head office in Suva, Fiji.

"OCO can send their experts to train and help our officers since we are an OCO member. This won't be the last since Mr. Tevita [Tupuo] has already sent emails to Australia and New Zealand for their other experts to help us. We want to focus now on financial investigation and intelligence gathering."

Mafnas said several trainings will be held before the year ends and more will take place in the future. "We have experts coming here to train our officers. Training will be one of the main focus of our agency so we can increase our revenues and awareness of our officers. There's a lot of things that's to be absorbed by our officers."

Tupuo also presented the Customs officers with certificates for completing the training. He said, after his presentation last Friday at the Kanoa Resort, that OCO's biggest challenge is undetected crimes—like money laundering, and drug and human trafficking—that are taking place in the region.

The CNMI, Australia, New Zealand, Norfolk Islands, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Samoa, French Polynesia, Tonga, New Caledonia, American Samoa, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Wallis and Futuna, Palau, Timor Leste, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, FSM, Tuvalu, and Cook Islands are OCO members.

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Galit of World Resort is the CNMI's Next Top Chef

By MICHAEL T. SANTOS
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REPORTER

A competition that has evolved from being a quaint event into a bastion of powerhouse cooking recognized a new champion in Marinero Galit of the Saipan World Resort last Wednesday, Nov. 2. Galit, walked away from the event with \$1,000.

Galit himself was surprised to hear his name called out as the CNMI's next top chef during the cooking competition held at



Marinero Galit raises his trophy, as he poses with second placer Edgardo Casing, left, and third place winner Francisco Sablan, center right, as well as event staff and judges at Saipan World Resort on Nov. 2, 2016.

MICHAEL T. SANTOS

the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort

The 4th edition of the competition, organized by the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, featured 12 chef teams in a live on-stage elimination tournament.

"I actually stayed awake late at night before coming to the competition today. I really didn't expect to win, it was meant to be just for fun," Galit said. "I mostly came for the experience. Being here, participating in the competition, and getting a certificate would've been enough for me."

Galit described it thus: "It was pretty tough cooking in front of a large audience and I trained only for two days. When I came on stage and saw all my ingredients in front of me, I kind of freaked out a little."

Jay Santos, general manager of Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, said, "Triple J has been a strong supporter of events such as the one tonight, most especially for the Empty Vessel Ministry. The fact that they've been around to help the community is just amazing. Tonight is a great event that highlights young chefs so they can showcase their skills."

Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods also donated the Angus beef used by the chefs during the main entrée portion of the

competition.

"We provided a certified Angus beef skirt steak. It's not one of the easiest cuts to use because, historically, it's marinated for a long time and when you marinate beef for a long time, it brings out the tenderness and the flavor of the meat. So it should be interesting to see how the contestants will incorporate this into their dish," Santos said.

Judges of the event were Jim Herbert, general manager for Triple J Five Star Wholesale, Daniel Lenherr, executive chef at Westin in Guam, and first lady Diann Torres.

Other chefs who competed were Jian Cai, Nataline Borlain, Nestor Rodrigues, Francisco Sablan, Reiji Yoshizawa, Sonny Encarnacion, Michael Boldonaldi, Edgardo Casing, Rico Delos Reyes, Patrick Cepeda, and Redentor Hernandez.

After the first round, Cai, Borlain, Sablan, Boldonaldi, Casing, and Galit were able to advance but after the next round, only Sablan, Casing, and Galit were left. For the finals, Sablan won third place with \$300, Casing received second place along with \$500. Attendees also won raffle prizes.

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TSL hosts first 'Running Dead'



Participants in the Trunk or Treat event at the CPA Airport Field display their scariest set up while giving away free candy to children.
ERWIN ENCINARES

The first ever Running Dead, a fundraiser in the form of an obstacle course, was hosted by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation last Oct. 29 at the CPA airport field to raise funds that would be donated to the Marianas March Against Cancer.

TanHoldings vice president Cathy Attao-Toves was pleased with the turnout. "We had 11 teams of 10, volunteer zombies, and also volunteer judges. With our three different obstacles, the teams had a challenge going through [them all]. It is really nice to see the holiday spirit come out," she said.

Toves also mentioned the simultaneous event hosted by TanHoldings, Trunk or Treat,

in which various business units came together to hand out candies to children.

"At the same time we had the Trunk or Treat. I really want to applaud the efforts of TanHoldings to come out and share that Halloween spirit. It was also great to see all the little kids happy with candy and [is overall] a great community event," she said.

The top three teams to finish the Running Dead obstacle course was team Sexy Ladies, team Patay Gutom, and MBA Squad, finishing at 64.42 minutes and 14 life flags left, 62.35 minutes with 20 life flags, and 60.09 minutes with 12 life flags left. (Erwin Encinares)

Google business startup event seen this weekend

Saipan this weekend will host a Google business startup event that has been held in over 150 countries around the globe. It will be the first time the Google event has been held in the CNMI.

"We're excited to bring this global event to the CNMI," said event organizer Anthony R. Quenga, a graduate of University of Guam's Professional Master of Business Administration program.

All participants are welcome to attend regardless of age or business experience.

Powered by Google for Entrepreneurs, Startup Weekend is an event in which attendees pitch ideas, form teams, learn the entrepreneurial process and build companies in just 54 hours over the span of one weekend. To date, over 23,000 teams have been formed as part of the event and Startup Weekend has held close to 3,000 events worldwide.

Students from the UOG's PMBA program are coordinating the event and calling on talent in the CNMI to meet on Saipan to turn their business ideas into reality.

"Guam is hosting its third startup weekend this year and our organizing team wished to

expand this global opportunity into the region," Quenga said.

The event starts on Friday, Nov. 4 at 6pm when participants arrive at the venue and get situated. Attendees throughout the evening until 9pm can network, meet local mentors, and have the option to make a 60-second pitch of their business ideas.

On Saturday from 9am to 10pm, the participants, aided by local mentors and regional experts, form teams around the top ideas and spend the rest of the weekend developing and building their ideas.

On Sunday from 9am to 9pm, teams come together and pitch their newly launched company to a panel of judges. Those who attend can take advantage of the opportunity to develop their startup business ideas and may be eligible for prizes.

The event is sponsored by Google for Entrepreneurs, co, Vimeo, Docomo Pacific, University of Guam, Bank of Guam, JMI-Edison, STAR 101, iHop, Keven Camacho, Pieology Pizzeria, Health Shack, Triple J Auto Group, Rotary Club of Saipan, and Rotary Club of Northern Guam.

Attendees are asked to bring

a laptop to research business concepts and create presentations. If applicable, bring a student ID for registration.

Tickets can be purchased for the early bird price of \$0.99 at the EventBrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/startup-weekend-saipan-2016-ti>.

For more information, con-

tact Quenga at (671) 787-5856 or Maria Hernandez at (671) 482-8804. You can also visit the event webpage at: <http://saipan-n-mariana-islands.up.co/events/10212!> (PR)



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#7 ON BALLOT

REPUBLICAN for House of Representatives Precinct 1 *Thank You!*

Man allegedly lied to federal officer

U.S. Deputy Marshals served on Tuesday an arrest warrant on a man who is indicted in federal court for allegedly lying to a federal officer.

Guo Hua Lu pleaded not guilty on Tuesday afternoon.

Attorney Benjamin Petersburg appeared as court-appointed co-counsel for Lu. Assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto appeared for the government.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy set the jury trial for Jan. 10, 2017.

After the hearing, Lu was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.


According to the indictment, on Oct. 6, 2016, Lu lied to Diplomatic Security Services special agent Vincent Carpenter on Saipan.

According to the indictment, Lu arranged for the preparation of a fraudulent notarial certificate for Shi and he allegedly admitted fixing the application form.

WeChat text messages between Lu and Shi allegedly showed she (Shi) sent him her U.S. visa, official Chinese identification card, and a passport-sized photo, at Lu's request.

The Chinese identification card number and the passport-sized photo were allegedly used in the preparation of the fraudulent notarial certificate.

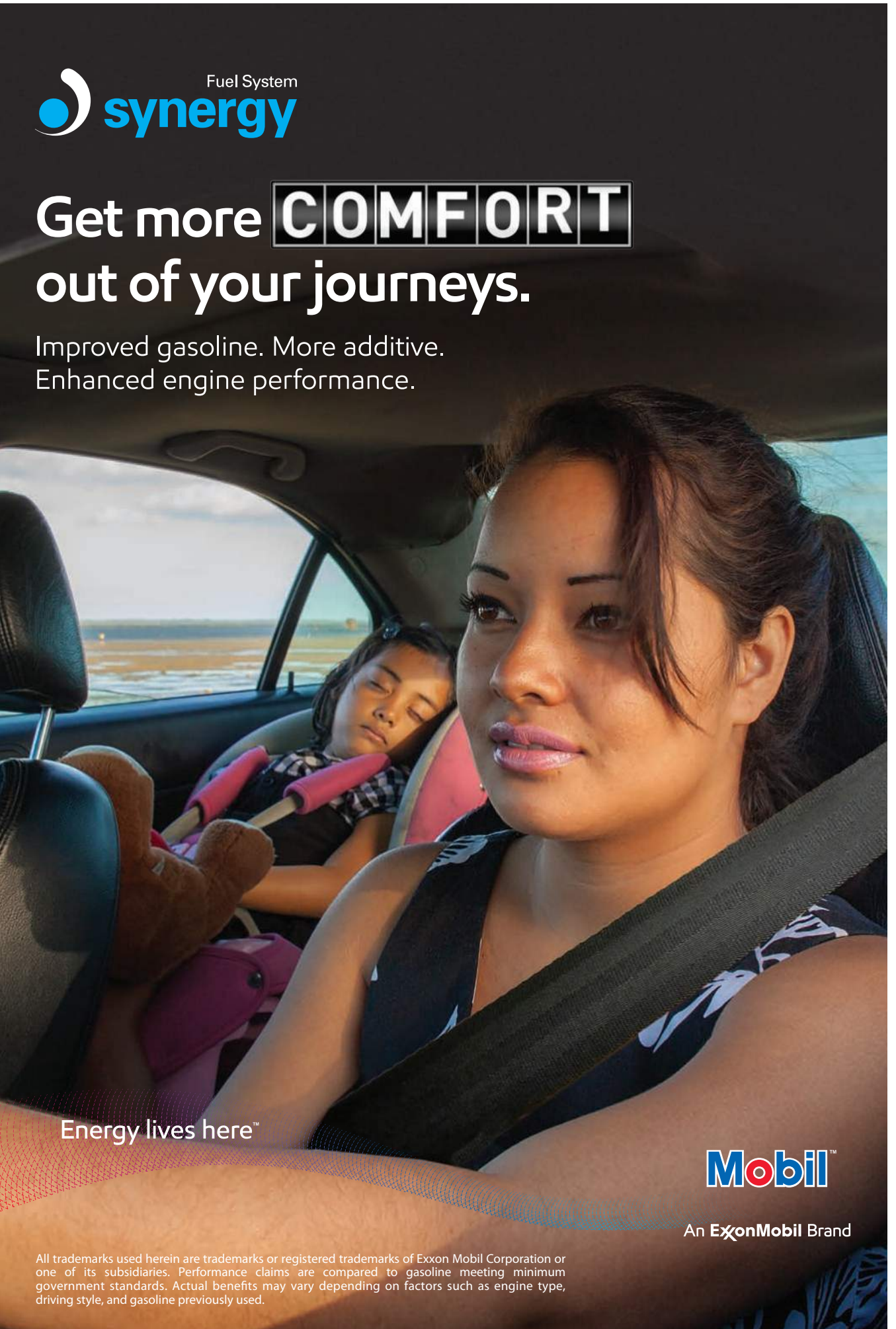
A prior passport application for a previous client of Lu containing a notarial certificate of single status that he prepared was also determined to be fraudulent. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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The Department of Public Lands (DPL) hereby gives notice to the general public that the Sugar Dock (*Bantalan*) located in Susupe, is deemed unsafe for recreational use due to the piers unstable, cracked surface and collapsed foundation. Because of the unsafe condition it poses, DPL is requesting for the public's cooperation by refraining from entering the pier until further notice. Signs and barricades will be posted warning and restricting the public from entering this area. The Department of Public Safety will be monitoring the dock to ensure public safety.



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Duo brings home \$5K in Lose Big, Win Big contest

Attao-Toves introduced the concept to the crowd.

"These people made a decision to join this contest in an effort to make healthier decisions with the choices of what they eat and by exercising," said Toves.

Toves added that the competition was based on total body fat percentage lost instead of weight loss to prevent fasting.

"Our Lose Big, Win Big Saipan contest consists of two people per team and is based on total percentage of fat loss instead of their weight," she said.

On the day of the announcement, the contestants showed up as healthy as ever.

"They had a wonderful journey and a lot of them have been doing well," she added.

That same day, TanHoldings also held its first Trunk or Treat event, called Zombie Run, during which they decorated the trunks of their car with a Halloween theme and gave away candies and treats to the children.

From left: Glenn Policare, TanHoldings vice president for Corporate Affairs Cathy Attao-Toves, winner Jeffrey Bahillo with his son, TanHoldings president Jerry Tan, winner Ronnel Mostales, Tan Siu Lin Foundation's Merlie Tolentino, and TanHoldings corporate affairs program specialist Eunice Angeles.

ERWIN ENCINARES

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REPORTER

The team of Ronnel Mostales and Jeffrey Bahillo is \$5,000 richer after topping the fat-busting contest sponsored by TanHoldings.

The corporation named the winners of its Lose Big, Win Big Saipan competition last Saturday during its Trunk or Treat event at the CPA Airport Field.

Mostales and Bahillo, who

called themselves the "Bagong Fried Rice" team, lost an amazing 66.34 percent of their body fat.

Second place went to "TT's Finest" made up of Shane Alvarez and Vicente Masga, who lost 39.04 percent of their body fat. Alvarez and Masga earned \$3,000.

The "Inspired by Art" team of Alfreda and Michael Camacho came in third after losing 37.48 percent of their body fat. They got \$1,000 for their effort.

Five teams placed fourth in the contest and pocketed \$200 each.

The goal of Lose Big, Win Big Saipan is to motivate the community into losing the most body fat percentage in order to make them more fit and active.

TanHoldings vice president for Corporate Affairs Cathy

JKPL catalogs over 900 new books

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library's collection added 944 new items from September

to October 2016.

There were 551 books cataloged in September and 393

books in October, totaling of 944 new books altogether.

Ray Jr. Deleon Guerrero, a library assistant at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library, said, "Each of our employees catalog books every month; ranging from books for children or adults, magazines, DVDs, and audio disks as well."

"There are patrons who are always interested in asking about any new items we've received or any events occurring in the library. So we try our best to notify the community about any new changes in our inventory or upcoming activities," Guerrero said.

Majority of the books received by the public library are actually from donations. In the past few years, they have gotten significant book donations from Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Angel Ray Guerrero, Hawaii Sen. Glenn Wakai, and Friends of the Library. As for purchasing books for the library, Joeten-Kiyu usually goes through Best Seller and CNMI Resource Books. (*Michael T. Santos*)

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-001-17

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for **Solid Waste Collection Services** for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The **bid package** containing all the specifications, date of pre-bid meeting, and other requirements will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **November 04, 2016** upon payment of **\$100.00** to be made at CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport. All responses to this IFB shall take into account any costs that will be charged to the bidder awarded the contract for the project. Bidders shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

Bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, mentioned above until **2:00 PM LOCAL TIME, Friday, November 25, 2016**. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "Bid for Solid Waste Collection Services at the Saipan International Airport, Project No. CPA-IFB-001-17". Bidders are to submit one (1) original and three (3) copies.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation For Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

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Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a lease contract for three (3) lots of real property leases of Authority property on Saipan, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Authority has three (3) vacant property lots available for lease in an area zoned for commercial/industrial.

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Proposal requirements and property details can be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor – arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning Thursday, October 27, 2016, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Proposals must be received by the authority at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd floor – arrival building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 5, 2016

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

By: **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**
Acting Executive Director

MOA aims to establish NMI liaison office in Adelup

"I have long wanted to strengthen political ties with our CNMI brothers and sisters. CNMI Gov. Torres and I agree to look at ways we may jointly shape regional policy and share resources."—Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo, Guam

"Guam and the CNMI have strong historical and familial ties. Guam's Gov. Calvo and I commit to strengthening those ties for future generations."—Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, CNMI

The offices of Guam Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo and CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres jointly announced yesterday that an agreement to strengthen Guam-CNMI governmental partnerships, regional policy, and joint-resource utilization is underway.

A draft memorandum of agreement stipulates that the government of Guam and the CNMI government "commit to working in good faith in areas of regional policy, joint-resource

utilization, toward the development of economic linkages and community outreach."

In addition to continuing partnerships in times of natural disaster, the agreement enables both governments to work toward the placement and coordination of a CNMI liaison and medical referral office to be located in Adelup with a point of contact assigned to facilitate open communication between the two governments.

The effort is led by Wil Castro, director, Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans, and co-lead by press secretary Ivan A. Blanco.

"This is important for the Marianas politically, culturally, and economically. The only thing separating our communities that we can't change is the body of water between our islands; everything else is negotiable if the political will exists. I'm glad that governors Calvo and Torres are empowering their team to bring us closer together," said Castro.

Blanco is assisting Torres in identifying issues of mutual interest as it pertains to regional policy, logistics, and planning between both governments.

"This is smart policy. It's economically efficient and

socially responsible. Thanks to Guam's offer to open the office in Adelup we may make better use of those scarce resources on things other than rent," said Blanco.

Both Calvo and Torres acknowledge that hosting the Guam Community Affairs Office alongside the CNMI Liaison and Medical Referral

Office in Adelup will forge a stronger dialogue on how to assist families in transition for work, education, medical attention, or extended recreation.

"Improving public services and identifying solutions that will make a positive impact on our citizens is a priority. Doing this as efficiently as possible, especially in terms of our

healthcare system is an opportunity to build partnerships and our region. I extend my gratitude to Gov. Calvo for his assistance and look forward to solidifying regional policies and practices as we move forward," Torres said.

The formal signing of the memorandum is set to take place later this year. (PR)

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

Babies learn from the time they are born. One of the ways they learn is through hearing. When a baby is born with hearing loss, many sounds and voices are not heard, and the child's speech and language development can be delayed. CHCC implemented newborn hearing as a standard of care and all babies get their hearing screened shortly after birth.

Ask if your baby passed the test. If you have concerns or your baby needs follow up call 236-8709.



Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

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4 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged four Saipan beaches—the Grotto Cave, Old Man by the Sea, Marine Beach, and Obyan Beach—and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations

for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. (DEQ)

Dear People of the Commonwealth,

Please accept our sincerest gratitude for the support you have shown over the past eight years.

It has been an extraordinary privilege to represent you as the first Northern Mariana Islands Delegate to the US Congress.

Once again, we humbly ask for your continued support this November 8th. You have my assurance that I shall continue to work hard for all our people and islands.

With gratitude and warm personal regards, I remain,



(Top) Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan with his father, the late Jesus Diaz Sablan, his mother, Victorina Camacho Sablan, his wife, Andrea, and his children, Jesse and Patricia Sablan. (Right) Congressman Sablan's grandchildren, clockwise from top left: Amanda, Greg Jr. Rob and Wes



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Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan

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Venezuela in free fall

Anyone visiting Venezuela may want to pack a couple of plastic garbage bags. What for? If you change \$100 or \$200 in cash upon arriving, you'll be given large piles of nearly worthless bolivars, and you'll need something in which to carry them. The way things are going in Venezuela these days, you may not want to count on the money changers providing the trash bags.

Venezuela is in the midst of an economic collapse, with inflation in triple digits, food and medicine shortages creating terrible hardships and the country's chief export, oil, selling for half of what it commanded a couple of years ago. The economy has been in a recession for the past three years—and is expected to keep shrinking. Pervasive government graft isn't helping. And crime is rampant in Venezuela, where the murder rate is a shocking 18 times higher than that of the United States.

Economic disasters often lead to political change, with those in power being cashiered and new leaders getting a chance. That has already happened, to a limited extent, in Venezuela: Last year, the opposition captured more than two-thirds of the seats in the National Assembly.

But Nicolas Maduro, the handpicked successor of the late leftist strongman Hugo Chavez, is not willing to meekly defer to the will of the people. He has deployed all the resources of his regime to crush dissent, neutralize the judiciary and tighten his grip on power.

When the opposition recently mounted a drive to collect signatures to hold a recall election, as provided in the Constitution, a government commission first imposed requirements obviously designed to kill it. But when the effort showed signs it would succeed anyway, the commission simply suspended the collection of signatures. Maduro clearly has no desire to put his rule to a vote—which polls indicate he would lose by a landslide.

On Friday, hundreds of thousands of fed-up Venezuelans took to the streets of Caracas and other cities to demand his removal. This was followed by a general strike that was only partly successful, thanks to the government's threat to expropriate businesses that didn't stay open. Opposition groups are planning a mass march to the presidential palace on Thursday.

On Sunday, the government met with some opposition representatives, and the two sides agreed to further negotiations, mediated by a papal envoy. But skepticism is in order. Fifteen opposition parties boycotted the meeting, and previous talks have led nowhere. Maduro is more likely hoping to buy time while stonewalling real reforms. He knows that giving in on the principal demand—the recall referendum—would be the end of his regime.

His record offers few grounds for hope on either the economic or the political front. Last summer, U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon said the country is enduring "a humanitarian crisis." Human Rights Watch concludes that in Venezuela, "impunity for human rights violations" has become "the norm."

Maduro has few allies anymore, at home or abroad. His toxic blend of socialism, corruption and repression won't revive the economy or raise his own dismal standing. Last week, protesters chanted, "This government will fall!"

Let's hope they're right—and that Maduro eventually agrees to go quietly.

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Halloween horrors

How'd you do for Halloween? Me, I scored two Snickers by mid-day, which wasn't a bad start, and then the lady at the bank gave me some Twix. Maybe she saw the starved state of my checking account. Anyway, from now until the New Year I'll be indulging the festive spirit.

Festivity isn't always popular, though. The holidays bring out the grouches, too, so in order to cast a broad tent I'm going to dig up some Halloween grievances. If you're looking to get into a brooding funk before Thanksgiving my efforts will kick start the process. You can thank me later.

We'll start with a statistic from a trade association. No matter how jaded you are about *ladrones* in the Commonwealth and elsewhere, this will wash away any residual faith you had in humanity. The item comes from the National Confectioners Association. It reports that 70 percent of parents admit to pilfering some Halloween candy from their children.

Good heavens, is nothing sacred anymore? Do we need any further evidence of the failed state of the modern family? If your own parents might bogart your Milk Duds, then the notion of filial piety has become, well, a dud.

The discerning reader will note that the reported figure, as high as it is, merely tallies the admitted thieves. There are surely more light-fingered *ladrones* who are not even confessing to their confectionary crimes. They walk among us.

If the home front looks discouraging then how about the cultural front?

Funny you should ask. This happens to bring us to the next item. It came via a phone call from North Carolina.

For the run-up to Halloween, the caller told me a TV station was playing a movie called *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. That wasn't news. A lot of places have done that, including Saipan. What was news is that the movie has been remade, and it's the remake that was playing.

That's something of a cultural earthquake in my circles.

Looking at the full half of the glass here, I'll note that imitation is the mother of invention, or, uh, something like that. But today I'm looking at the empty half of things.

As for the empty half, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* strikes me as an inimitable proposition. But I'm a biased party. I can't separate the film from its social context. This 1975 movie, which was based on a play, was a cult classic when I was in high school. It played at midnight. That was an ideal situation for teenage dating, since it gave us a legitimate reason to pick up our dates at 11pm. That was such an odd time that nobody really knew how to set the return parameters.

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As a result, my parents' generation remembers, if dimly, seeing teenagers straggle back into the house at 6:30am, squint-eyed, disheveled, and coyly trying to reach their bedrooms without having to answer too many questions.

My parents were usually easy on me, but I did have to field a query from my stepfather one morning. He was an ex-Marine officer from Texas and a 'Nam vet. Jamming my hands in my pockets, looking at the floor and mumbling "I dunno" was not an option for me.

My stepfather wanted to know about this movie. It was keeping my pals and I out all night. That wasn't a problem. But it was also provoking worried 4am phone calls from our dates' parents. That was a problem. I acknowledged the point. After all, you have to be patient with parents. They face a lot of peer pressure.

So I explained the movie. I said *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* was a creative and kitschy low-budget musical that was a parody of old-school science fiction movies. The plot centered around a newly-engaged couple who suffer a car breakdown on a dark and stormy night. They seek refuge in a spooky old house. The master of the house is a mad scientist. But he's not just any mad scientist; he's a very naughty mad scientist. And so we are presented with the dramatic tension of the innocent couple being subjected to the corrupting influence of the naughty scientist and his cohorts. That's the movie. It has a lot of songs that are fun to sing along to, and fans of the movie have created various little routines so they can play along with the plot and dialog.

My explanation passed muster. Everything was OK. My pals and our dates kept this routine for two years, after which we moved to college and didn't have to answer to anyone for anything.

Anyway, I haven't seen the remake of the movie. Maybe it's a great remake. But much of the appeal of the original was in just that, its originality. So, what now? I think I'll just jam my hands in my pockets and say, "I dunno."

Such are the thoughts that Halloween brought. They're messing with my teenage years, and I just noticed that somebody stole my Twix. Maybe I'm not feeling so festive after all.

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Hokog must resign!

Some sense of humility is in order after an alleged lieutenant governor (who never had the mandate of the people) forcibly whisked us into unsolicited humiliation.

I'm alluding to Biktot Hokog being named a defendant in a lawsuit filed in federal court by Mr. Takahasi Yamamoto for alleged personal "enrichment" of the investor's \$3.4 million—money used to buy the MV *Luta*. Hokog scrambled as a spinmeister claiming innocence. But let's see how the lawsuit unfolds as the chips fall in their place in a competent court of law.

More bad tidings in the saga of the MV *Luta* did nothing but wrought unsolicited humiliation to the people of the NMI as the plot of suspicion of alleged corruption thickens. It re-awakens and re-polishes the historic reputation of *ladrones*, courtesy of Hokog.

Fearful of impeachment and conviction spinning out of the MV *Luta* case, Hokog's out in full force allegedly ensuring his ill-fated Republicans are elected to prevent the inevitable. There's nothing up that alley, sir! Most voters aren't buying your useless Republican product of failure!

Meanwhile, Hokog's mess derails the rights of the indigenous people from strengthening self-government or a government of laws! Ever heard of the word integrity, sir?

Perhaps Hokog takes our people as servile fools convinced he could go skating through with impunity, unscathed. What happens now to the \$400,000 taken from the taxpayers, given the larger lawsuit?

This is a huge black eye against the NMI, especially when dealing with other investors where we struggle to put on a straight face in humiliation. Save the people of these islands any further unsolicited humiliation, sir. In brief, step down now! Resign!

Da Republican agenda

While the Legislature has approved raising the minimum wage to \$7.25 for all employees, the administration (Raffy Torres) has delayed signing it into law.

In fact, he has urged the Legislature to recall the measure so it includes the following increases: \$130,000 for governor, \$120,000 for the lieutenant governor, \$80K for mayors, \$70K for legislators, etc. This shows their commitment to "we the people" by first taking care of their own pockets over easing hardship they've created for the rest of employees.

Two things come into play: 1). constitutional limitation when the increase could be received. 2). That it's an explosive issue, its consideration would come after the election. It would require a three-fourths vote per house under a lame duck legislature.

It's an agenda designed to leave people in the filthy mud of abject poverty. Republicans are still at it after 25 years of suppressing minimum wage and a sterling record of abysmal failure.

Restoring rule of law

The single most vital issue that we must remember at the polls this Tuesday, Nov. 8, it's our ability to reject corruption in government that seemed to have blossomed under a Republican charge.

"It is the rule of law, whereby the rules are known and fair, equally applied to all, and where corruption is not tolerated," wrote Richard Rahn, head of Improbable Success and Productions. The same can be said about the abysmal mess at home where perception of the islands drowns in being a welfare state

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infected by corruption on every corner.

Rahn pointed out, "Highly corrupt countries are usually poor, and countries with the rule of law and low levels of corruption are usually relatively prosperous. He added, "The end of great countries and empires was most often caused by internal decay, not by foreign enemies"—ancient Greece and Rome being prime examples.

He noted that Scandinavian countries have higher incomes than would be expected, even though their governmental sectors and tax rates are well above the optimum, but this large disadvantage has been offset in part by the very low levels of corruption and strict adherence to the rule of law, without favoritism. Can the NMI claim the same after a certain firm was freed of agency review led by Sen. Arnold Palacios while all others must face the music and dance accordingly? Call it the ruination of our credibility!

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Two Samoan women at the center of national politics

By HOWARD HILLS

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

When the smoke clears on Nov. 9, two political figures of Samoan ancestry could find themselves in a position to play a central role in reshaping their respective political parties, no matter who wins or loses the presidential election. A victorious Donald Trump will not change overnight to become accommodating to the GOP. A victorious Hillary Clinton may be too consumed trying to build a broad governing base to manage ferment in her party masked by media attention on this year's Republican drama.

While media coverage concentrates on transition from Obama to the incoming administration, leaders in both parties looking to rebuild after 2016 will likely include in their plans two pivotal woman leaders from the Pacific Islands: Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii and Amata Radewagen of American Samoa.

Gabbard would be entering her third term from a safe Democratic U.S. House seat in Hawaii while Radewagen would be a sophomore in the House if she holds on in very blue American Samoa. Both have played roles in their parties' national leadership.

Currently her party's highest-ranking federal officeholder of Asian Pacific heritage, Radewagen also is the Republican National Committee's most senior member and a member of its powerful Rules Committee. Gabbard was a Democratic National Committee vice chairman until she resigned in February to endorse U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) for her party's nomination. Unless she chooses instead to concentrate on preparing a primary challenge against Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), who will turn 70 before the 2018 election, Gabbard probably could return to that or another key party position when new officers are chosen in January.

Hillary Clinton could try to block Gabbard from any party role but might prefer to have her in a position to help mend fences with Sanders and the progressive wing of the party, looking to extract liberal policy concessions from her administration. The youthful Gabbard could be a particularly useful bridge to her fellow millennials both in the party and the House, where she has built a reputation for offering bipartisan initiatives.

Radewagen, who brings diversity as a minority woman in a caucus that is 91-percent white male, was awarded as a freshman a rare three committee assignment with two leadership positions (a subcommittee chairmanship and a vice chairmanship). In the absence of an APA GOP victory elsewhere in the country on Nov. 8, she will return as the only Asian Pacific American House member next year.

A non-voting delegate on final passage of legislation on the House floor, she nevertheless accrues seniority and has a full



Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, left, and Amata Radewagen of American Samoa.

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vote as a member on House committees. Radewagen also votes in the House Republican Conference, where Republican leaders are elected, policy positions are taken and rules are adopted.

Gabbard might be a bridge between the House, DNC and Clinton, Radewagen between House Republicans and the RNC. Look for the two women to collaborate with each other, not just because they share a common ethnicity that is among the smallest nationality groups in America. They also are personal friends from Samoan families that have known each other for generations.

Indeed, they likely are distantly related and are steeped in politics: Gabbard's father is Hawaii state senator while Radewagen's father was the first native-born and longest serving governor of American Samoa.

Democrat Gabbard and a Republican colleague formed the Congressional Future Caucus, so Congress can "come together across partisan lines to creatively and pragmatically forge non-partisan common ground on issues facing America's next gen-

eration, such as enhancing American competitiveness and innovation." Radewagen, who chairs the House Small Business Committee on Health and Technology, asked to join the caucus, which now has about 25 members.

Despite her RNC position, Radewagen serves a heavily Democratic-leaning constituency, so she makes a point of working with House Democrats. Indeed, Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) asked her to represent him personally at the funeral of the late Rep. Mark Takei (D-HI).

If Republicans and Democrats will be looking for ways to work across the aisle, they could do worse than to look to these two Samoan women, whose cultural backgrounds are rooted in a system of consensus-building, to help lead the way.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

▲86° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

▲87° ▼77°

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲88° ▼79°

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

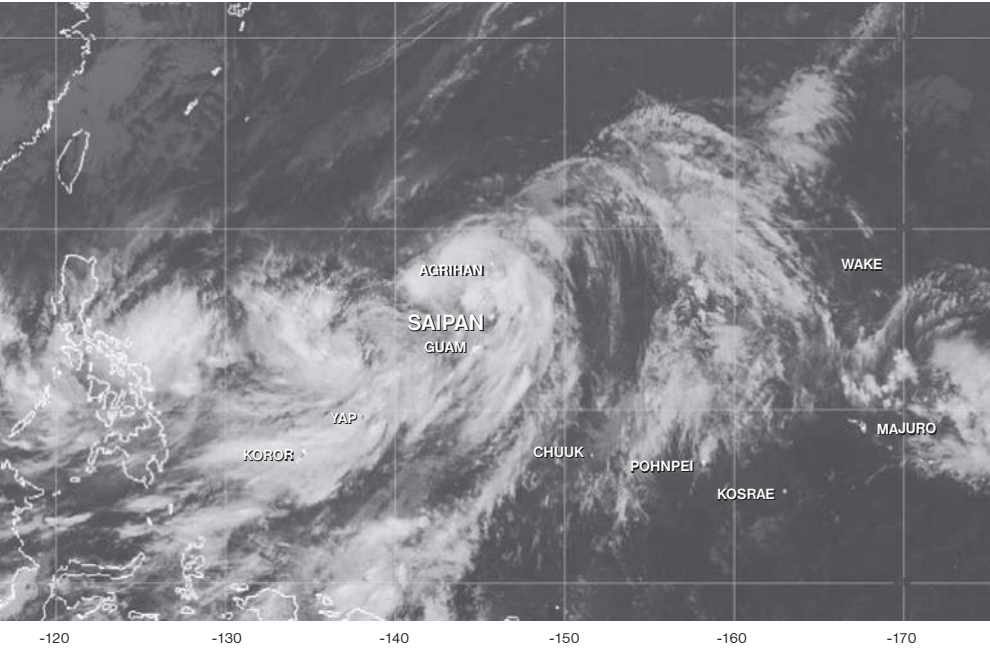
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TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:30 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical disturbance 99W is well north of Saipan, and fresh to strong southwest monsoon flow is becoming established across the Marianas. Radar and satellite show areas of showers, mainly near and east of the islands, moving northeast. Radar also indicates winds over 45 mph at 3000 feet. Seas at the buoys are around 7 ft, and the Ritidian buoy is starting to show a SW swell building into the coastal waters.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Heavy rain	80 / 86 °F
Palau	Heavy rain	82 / 88 °F
Yap	Heavy rain	81 / 88 °F
Chuuk	Morning clouds	81 / 88 °F
Pohnpei	Partly cloudy	77 / 86 °F
Kosrae	Mostly sunny	82 / 87 °F
Majuro	Mostly cloudy	78 / 85 °F
AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Partly cloudy	55 / 61 °F
Beijing	Sunny	31 / 64 °F
Hong Kong	Partly cloudy	66 / 78 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	72 / 80 °F
London	Morning clouds	40 / 51 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	60 / 79 °F
Manila	Partly cloudy	80 / 92 °F
Melbourne	Morning clouds	54 / 78 °F
Miami	Partly sunny	72 / 79 °F
New York	Morning clouds	44 / 56 °F
Osaka	Morning clouds	44 / 64 °F
Paris	Afternoon clouds	36 / 50 °F
Pusan	Sunny	40 / 62 °F
Rome	Haze	52 / 65 °F
Salem	Morning clouds	45 / 64 °F
San Francisco	Mostly sunny	56 / 70 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	45 / 60 °F
Tokyo	Morning clouds	44 / 62 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	44 / 61 °F

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4:09 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.06 Feet
11:05 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.78 Feet
4:51 PM	LOW TIDE	1.14 Feet
9:28 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.65 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:15 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Tuesday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	9:36 AM	9:16 PM
Saturday	10:25 AM	10:06 PM
Sunday	11:13 AM	10:57 PM
Monday	12:00 PM	11:49 PM
Tuesday	12:47 PM	-

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
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"The American founding fathers argued that the greatest danger to the republic would come from the erosion of the rule of law. America has never been free of corruption, but most of it has occurred at the local level," said Rahn.

Said he, "Prosperity and corruption do not long exist in the same place. Unthinking citizens who vote to support the obviously corrupt are signing their own economic and civil society death warrants." Let's vote for change!

No future at home

It is seriously disconcerting seeing returning scholars who had to head back to jet ways in search of meaningful employment in Guam, Hawaii and the U.S. mainland. There's none at home!

Yet we spend several million dollars annually sending our kids to colleges and universities abroad. That they can't find jobs here is a tale that our scholarship program needs revisiting so it includes accommodating returning scholars. Otherwise, let's just

scrap the program altogether.

A student who left recently explains the lack of opportunities crammed under a failed economy where the NMI government remains the largest employment industry. Embarrassing!

This is the legacy of republicans honed since twenty some years ago!

Ignoring basic infrastructure

Most advanced countries in the world ensure the emplacement of basic infrastructure, e.g., electricity, water, roads, sewer, air and seaports, among others. Their timely installation encourages investments that firmly bring in "wealth and jobs creation." There's the natural gravitation to invest where basic facilities are in place.

The NMI seems complacent, if not clueless, how basic infrastructure plays in any planned development growth. It pushes for growth then uses the Sen. Arnold Palacios syndrome to quiz if the immediate community could still get sufficient water, power and sewer when the new facility opens. Apparently, brain and mouth aren't in sync!" Seesuzzzz!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Optimistic excitement**

There are increasing signs of optimistic excitement for all Democrats in the CNMI regarding the prospect of having to elect a well-qualified woman to be President of the United States. The Democratic Party of the Northern Marianas will be making history by being 1) accepted, for the first time, as members of the Democratic National Committee, DNC. 2) casting its majority delegate votes for Hillary R. Clinton during the DNC national convention in Philadelphia, and 3) supported the movement in breaking the proverbial barriers that society unwittingly created against women and their God-given potentials.

In spite of the FBI's controversial handling of information regarding Clinton's emails in Anthony Weiner's computer, polls taken Wednesday indicated that she continues to maintain a 6-percent advantage over Donald Trump. It appears that voters have already made up their minds regarding the email issue. Unless prosecutable evidence is found between now and Nov. 8, she will be the first Democratic woman to achieve the unthinkable of breaking the so-called "glass ceiling."

Republicans are beginning to accept the fact that their candidate, Donald Trump, will not be the next president of the United States, and instead acknowledging the likely inevitability that the White House will, once again, be occupied

by a strong-willed Democrat ... Hillary Rodman Clinton, a woman and political icon. More fundamentally, she will be in a better position to advance her "No Ceilings" 21th century project agenda to accelerate full participation for women and girls around the world.

We here in the CNMI, especially Democrats, who are fair minded citizens and women, find reason to be joyfully optimistic of the future for women in politics when Hillary R. Clinton is finally elected as our next president of the United States of America. The successful ascension of a woman to being the commander-in-chief of the most powerful military enterprise the world has ever seen is attractive for young women to explore public service as a career of choice. What an inspiring role model she provides for our young women here on our islands.

No matter what others think of Hillary R. Clinton as a woman, wife, mother, grandmother, first lady, senator, lawyer and secretary of State, no one can deny the fact that she has dedicated her entire life helping others, especially advocating and advancing the cause of all children. I am particularly inspired by her biography and I consider her a hero because she is someone who has given her life to something bigger than herself.

Daniel O. Quitugua
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES • PRECINCT 3

With the mega development in the heart of Garapan, Our SEWER system is rapidly becoming obsolete, especially Puerto Rico Plant. CUC's submission of \$300 Million to the Legislature as reportedly erroneous for infrastructure, may be actually needed. The Kan Pacific Mariana Resort, the Kensington Hotel and Aqua Resort Sewages are forced pumped and runs through Tanapag Village, and frequently overflows to the Tanapag Beach, causing it to be reported as RED – RED Beach. With the renovations of Capitol Hill 1200 and 1300 housing for Government Offices, the soon to be constructed Ocean View Resort Hotel, the Best Sunshine – Vescor Village and the BSI Flame Tree compound Sewer hook up will make the CESSPOOL at the Puerto Rico Plant overflowing down to and in the \$22 MILLION man-made mountain park on ABLE and Baker Dock. The mountain park picnickers will be smelling and the stench of Sewage just off to about 200 to 300 feet from the park.

If elected, I, will introduce bills that support CUC needs. ABOLISH the "QC" for Low Income Family Housing Project. Re-instate EITC for all Low Income Mothers. Legalizing and to recognize co-habiting parents by all CNMI Government and private entities to benefit all children and mothers. And most importantly will support our own NMTI.


Ten years ago, before COLORADO, WASHINGTON, OREGON, ALASKA, HAWAII, AND GUAM, I introduced the Cannabis Herbal Marijuana for Medical/Recreational. November 08th 2016 election, ARIZONA, ARKANSAS, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, MAINE, MASSACHUSETT, MONTANA, NEVADA, and NORTH DAKOTA will vote to legalize, Why aren't we? Let us move on and legalized it. The Cannabis Marijuana business could be bigger or larger than BSI Casino. We need back-up business in the event BSI Casino CRASH-DOWN.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-17-011

SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR LIGHT VEHICLE AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply of fuel for light vehicles and heavy equipment for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-011 -Supply of Fuel for Light Vehicle and Heavy Equipment" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Contract Administrator via email address john.mafnas@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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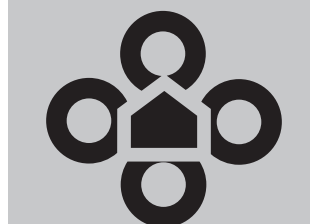
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DELIVERING on Our Promises!

Two years ago, the Republican Party offered the voters a vision for our islands in which economic growth was a reality, that anyone who wanted a job could have one, and that our government can be more responsible for our obligations, public service delivery, and to our precious retirees. This year we are proud of the successes we have achieved together.

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog along with the CNMI Republican Board of Directors are respectfully asking for your support and votes of confidence to elect Your Republican Candidates.



In the last election, you elected a Solutions Driven Leadership. Your Republican Leaders have been hard at work to solve the many issues that challenged our way of life. We remain humbled for giving us your trust.

Our progress in only 18 months is evident with the rise of business developments; thriving entrepreneurship; creation of over thousands of jobs; significant increase of revenues that restored full retirement pension; continuous infrastructure enhancements and increase in family disposable incomes.

And we are doing more. Today, we have a robust economy rejuvenated by your Republican Leaders through responsive legislation and programs. As a result, we are prioritizing funding to provide greater resources for the first time in a long time to our law enforcement officers; meet long overdue land compensation and government obligations, judgements and settlements as well as to tackle the plague of substance abuse in our community.

Our resolve to advance the quality of lives for everyone in our community remain our foremost priority. We work very closely and in unison with your Republican Legislators to push through legislation and programs that are beneficial to our people's welfare. While we have resolved issues, there remains more work to be done. To ensure that we continue the course of a Solutions Driven Leadership, we humbly ask all of you to help us maintain a Republican Legislative Leadership, one that delivers results to improve our quality of life.

This November, we ask for your continued support and vote of confidence. Please vote Republican.

Your Governor,

Ralph Dlg. Torres

Your Lieutenant Governor

Victor B. Hocog

Republican Senatorial Candidates

HOCOG, George Ogo
1st Senatorial District, Rota

BORJA, Francisco Mangiona
2nd Senatorial District, Union de Agañaan

IGISOMAR, Sixto Kaipat
3rd Senatorial District, Saipan & Northern Islands

CNMI GOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN GROSS BUDGETARY RESOURCES

- Real Economic Recovery under your Republican leadership
- FY 2017 - \$274,649,298 (approx. including casino revenues)
- FY 2016 - \$245,550,000 (approx. including casino revenues)
- FY 2015 - \$170,055,000
- FY 2014 - \$145,954,000

RETIREMENT

- Restored the 25% cut in the retirees' pension
- \$15 million annually from exclusive license fees to provide full pensions that our retirees have earned
- \$3.5 Million to be appropriated for Cost of Living Allowance to be issued to our Retirees this Christmas Season.

DRIVING ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Federal Resource Partnerships - State Small Business Credit Initiative
- Casino Gaming Industry providing jobs to nearly 500 CNMI residents
- Earmarked Funding for the MVA to Support CNMI Tourism Industry
- FY 2017 - \$15,070,958
- FY 2016 - \$12,160,000
- FY 2015 - \$12,160,000
- FY 2014 - \$7,340,000

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY

- Restoring trust in the financial responsibilities of CNMI public service providers through Payments on Outstanding Government Obligations
- Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) \$16 million towards CUC debt
- Medical Referral Program \$1.6 million
- \$9 Million for Land Compensation Judgment
- Public School System \$2.9 million for outstanding CUC balance

DRIVING THE CNMI FORWARD TOGETHER

ADVOCATING AND ADVANCING LEGISLATIONS AND PROGRAMS THAT CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH:

- Increase in Business Development
- Job Creation
- Competitive Wages
- Infrastructure Enhancements
- Increase in Family Disposable Income
- Capacity & Building Initiatives to Improve YOUR Quality of Life

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Precinct 5

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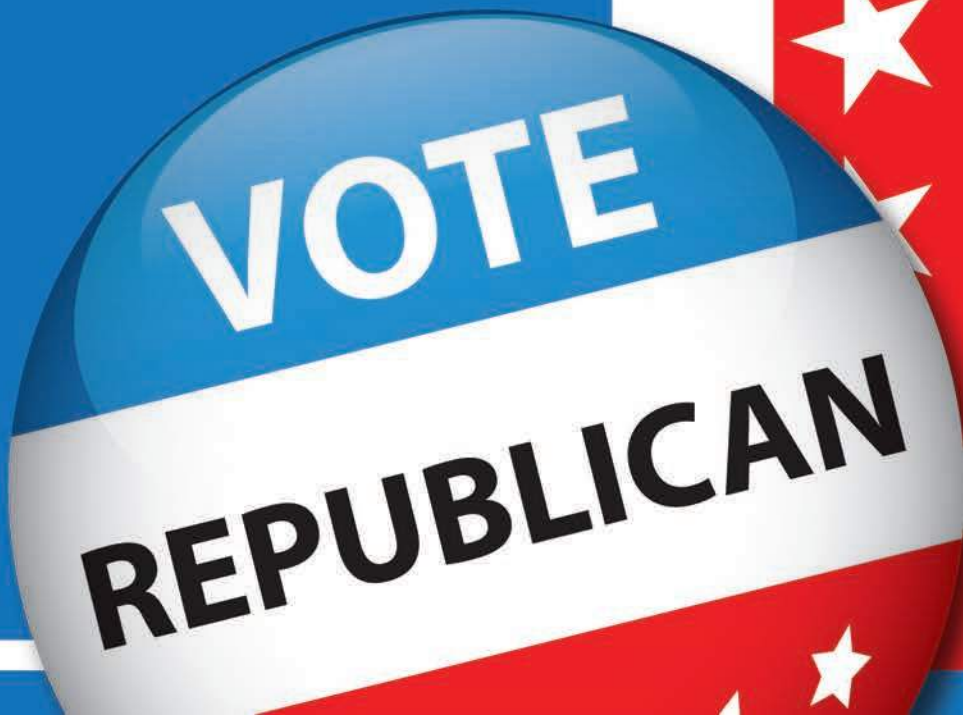
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Precinct 7

MARATITA, Glen Lizama


We have accomplished so much together. Please continue to join us to drive the CNMI forward together.





Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-RFP-17-006

MAUI SHAFT WELLS REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to develop the method and perform the construction work to remove the cave in soil material in the Maui 4 Shaft Well tunnel and rehabilitate the existing buildings, platforms, shaft, electrical components, elevator system and all other items listed in the scope of work for the Maui 1 and 4 shaft wells. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is **375 calendar days** from date of award.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **November 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-17-006 –Maui Shaft Wells Rehabilitation Project"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.


All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 10, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water-Wastewater Jr. Engineer via email address yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.


GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-008

BULK CHLORINE STORAGE FACILITY

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of a facility for the bulk storage of the CUC's chlorine supply in Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of a building and site improvements to adequately store and secure chlorine gas cylinders, including all appurtenances and features necessary to comply with applicable standards, regulations and codes. The storage facility includes a chlorine storage area, an operator area to store personal protective equipment and an electrical/mechanical room, emergency showers, eye washing stations, chlorine gas scrubber equipment, ventilation system, fire protection, alarm systems and emergency power.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **270 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Justen Landan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-008, Bulk Chlorine Storage Facility Project"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 21, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. *Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

All responses to this Invitation for should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer via email address john.riegel@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.
Purchasing Officer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On this day...

Thirty years ago on Nov. 3, 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5564 placing into full force and effect the Covenant with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This was after extensive status negotiations that concluded on Feb. 15, 1975. President Reagan determined that the Trusteeship Agreement for the Northern Mariana Islands

was no longer in effect, proclaiming that all citizens of the Commonwealth were to be citizens of the United States and welcoming us into the American family. Today, we stand on 30 years of citizenship and progression with the rights and freedoms that should not be taken for granted. We are still learning but with every day we grow, we work in mak-

ing ourselves a better Commonwealth, as well as better Americans. From our families to yours, we wish each and every one of you from all the islands that make up our chain a happy Citizenship Day!

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
VICTOR B. HOCOG
Lt. Governor

Units of measurement

This past week, the people of the CNMI have been given a chance to voice their thoughts, opinion and emotions as they pertain to the activities proposed by the CNMI Joint Military Training. The CJMT is a 1,388-page long document, with appendices A through S. In addition to the EIS and its appendices, the Department of the Navy has a 94-page requirements and siting study that was published in 2013. All in all, this amounts to over 5,000 pages.

As daunting as this may sound, it is merely just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. The CJMT builds off of a whole slew of military alphabet-soup documents (i.e., the MIRC, the MITT, etc.). Each plan contains its own set of appendices and requirement and siting study, adding more and more pages. As you combine all of these documents to put together the puzzle that is the US military's plan for our islands, you end up with thousands upon thousands of pieces.

In the interest of being fair, honest and transparent, the U.S. military has granted a public comment period. The public comment period is open from April 3, 2015, through June 3, 2015. During this public comment period, three public hearings have been scheduled: two on Saipan and one on Tinian. Each public hearing consists of a two-hour blocks to provide verbal comments; a three-minute time limit is given to each speaker. Accounting for time between speakers, breaks and technical difficulties that may happen, we can conservatively estimate that 15-20 minutes might not go toward actual commenting.

Time for some simple math: three public hearings x (2 hours – 15 minutes) = 315 minutes available for verbal comments. 315 minutes sets us up for some interesting math. First we can divide this number by the 3 minutes allocated to each speaker and you get 105 speakers. The CNMI has a population of 53,883 people. 105 is less than ½ of 1 percent of our entire population. Granted, this number in-

cludes infants and the bedridden, but it is still an impossibly tiny fraction of our voices—a whisper of a whisper. Next, let us take those 315 minutes and see how much time that gives us per page of the CJMT EIS (and we won't include the MIRC or the MITT or any reference material). 5,000/315 = 15.87, or less than 16 pages per minute of verbal comment. That means each speaker would be expected to cover 48 pages of EIS during their comment.

But let's all be honest with each other. These are the units of measurement that matter. We know that it's not about the details littered throughout the pages. It's not about finding the error on page F-235, section 7.10.12. The number of public hearings and time we've been given to comment and speak are not the important units of measurement.

On the night of the first public hearing for the CJMT, I signed up to give my public comment. During my allotted three-minutes I chose to comment on the manner in which the U.S. military conducted their marine resource surveys and said that these surveys were done "behind our backs." For context, let's set the stage: In 2013 a team of contractors was hired to collect information on the reefs that are being considered for training use. The military applied for and received the appropriate permits from the local Division of Fish & Wildlife. They were open about their intent when applying for the permits. The contractors, made up of scientists based out of Florida, Fiji, Hawaii, American Samoa and Guam, came in quietly and conducted their work on Tinian. They went up to Pagan and conducted their work quietly. No harm, no foul.

Clearly, this is not a point of controversy. Local officials knew that military contractors would be on island. But I would like to introduce a unit of measurement that I think is the most useful and insightful for us—it is called the "bare minimum." This is a unit of measurement that matters.

In an interview with the media following the first public hearing, Marine Corps Forces Pacific executive director Craig B. Whelden stated the he wanted to set the record straight. He stated that "often-times we have CNMI people participating with us on the surveys." The *Marianas Variety* goes on to report that, "He [Whelden] said they sent out letters to the mayors, to the governor, and governmental officials on each and every survey they conducted over the last two years." Again, this is true (<http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi/cnmi-news/local/56680-marines-to-start-field-surveys-on-tinian-pagan-this-month>). This is, however, is something that I feel can be measured simply with one term: the bare minimum.

What bothers me, and I can only imagine doesn't sit well with a lot of people in the CNMI, is why you would you only strive for the bare minimum? Why not hold a public meeting to discuss the work being done at the time it was being conducted? Why didn't you make this an open process with stakeholder engagement? Why were local students given an opportunity to be involved so they can learn and expand their knowledge about their own natural resources? Why the aversion to giving as much time as possible to working with the people of the CNMI?

My list of questions can go on and on, but that isn't an important measure of what's wrong. In Pacific Island culture it is often thought that it is not what one says that matters, but more importantly, it's what one doesn't say that matters—actions. In a place where actions count for so much, it feels as though you're settling for the bare minimum. Instead of doing the most, you're saying the least. Is this what you're willing to accept as a good job? Is that how you measure the worth of our islands and its people? With the bare minimum?

Steven Johnson
Chalan Kiya, Saipan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

People are hurt by judicial abuse and error

Author's note: This letter was written in my personal capacity as a concerned citizen and resident of Saipan.

In this year's election, voters of the Northern Marianas are asked to decide whether to retain Superior Court Judge Joseph Camacho for the next six years. To make an informed decision, voters should have as complete a picture as possible of the judge's record. The information published in the media so far has focused on court statistics, but has left out an important and troubling part of the picture: the real human suffering and harmful social consequences created by the judge's grave errors on the bench. The public has a right to know, especially when the judge's record points to a pattern of abuse and mistakes in procedure or interpretation of law in ways that have deeply hurt people.

Nicknamed "Judge Maximum" and "Hammer Joe," Judge Camacho has a reputation for issuing maximum sentences—often treating repeat offenders and egregious criminals practically the same as first-time, minor offenders. It is less well-known that some of Judge Camacho's lengthy sentences have been overturned by the CNMI Supreme Court because of abuses or errors he committed that violated defendants' rights.

For example, the high court has reversed or vacated Judge Camacho's sentences of a man convicted of kidnapping and raping a teenage girl and forcing her to smoke ice (*CNMI v. Michael A. Jackson*); a storeowner convicted of sexually molesting a child who walked into his establishment (*CNMI v. Jin Song Lin*); a former police officer convicted of drunk driving, hitting a woman with his police vehicle and fleeing the scene (*CNMI v. Martin I. Kapileo*); a man convicted of sexually abusing a teen-aged girl (*CNMI v. Alfredo Reyes*); a man convicted of sexually abusing a very young child on multiple occasions (*CNMI v. Jose I. Santos*); and a man convicted of sexually abusing a child over the course of years (*CNMI v. Donald A. Hocog*).

In one case (*CNMI v. Michael A. Jackson*), the Supreme Court ordered a new trial after finding that Judge Camacho had read jury instructions at the wrong time, and read an incorrect instruction. And in other cases, again and again, the high court found that Judge Camacho abused his sentencing discretion and failed to do what fair, reasonable, prudent judges should do: carefully consider both aggravating and mitigating circumstances to determine an appropriate sentence for each individual defendant. In some cases, Judge Camacho failed to order a pre-sentence investigation report.

Judges in most courts rely on the professional, impartial pre-sentence investigation reports that are painstakingly prepared by probation officers. These officers review the history of the defendant, the severity of the crime, aggravating and mitigating factors, and other elements of the case before arriving at their sentencing recommendation. A judge may ultimately choose to accept their recommendation or not. And yet, not only has Judge Camacho failed to require these reports—he is also known to have instructed probation officers *not* to include sentencing recommendations in their reports at all. But why? Only the judge knows.

And then there are the acquittals. The records I have reviewed indicate that since 2012, Judge Camacho has issued more judgments of acquittal at criminal bench trials than any of his colleagues at the court.

In a bench trial, the judge alone is the finder of fact and he alone determines guilt or innocence. A judgment of acquittal is different from a finding of not guilty. Not guilty means that no proof was found beyond a reasonable doubt, after both the prosecution and defense have presented and rested their cases. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is the highest standard of evidence in the law. A judgment of acquittal, on the other hand, may be entered after the prosecution rests and *before* the defense presents its case. The standard for moving a case forward is lower at this stage, and the judge must review the evidence in a light most favorable to the prosecution.

Judgments of acquittal in most courts are very rare. But out of 28 of Judge Camacho's criminal bench trials that I have reviewed, 21 of these ended in acquittals—a stunning 75 percent. Among these acquittals: a teacher accused of sexually abusing a minor; multiple domestic violence cases, including child abuse; a law enforcement officer accused of assaulting a cashier; a former police officer and a former procurement officer accused of stealing a government vehicle; a man accused of stealing copper wire; the wife of a convicted sex offender accused of obstructing justice and attempting to influence the testimony of the victim of sexual assault; a man accused of stealing a police officer's cell phone; and a man accused of assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest.

Judge Camacho has also dismissed charges in very serious cases at even earlier stages, during probable cause hearings. These dismissals include charges of sexual abuse of a minor filed against the former commissioner of the Department of Public Safety (*CNMI v. James Deleon Guerrero*), and another former police officer (*CNMI v. Jesse S. Concepcion*). Both law enforcement officers admitted to having sex with a minor in a police vehicle on multiple occasions. Incredibly, Judge Camacho did not find probable cause for any criminal charge at all—not even the misdemeanors of misconduct in public office. The Office of the Attorney General has turned to the Supreme Court for the extraordinary remedy of a writ of mandamus to reinstate the charges against these former officers, and to disqualify the judge from hearing these cases further. The high court has yet to decide.

In another disturbing case, Judge Camacho found no probable cause for a man accused of breaking into a home in the middle of the night and sexually assaulting a teenage girl while she slept (*CNMI v. George Langu*). Judge Camacho dismissed the sexual assault charges because he believed that the law did not criminalize nonconsensual sex between an 18-year-old perpetrator and a 16-year-old victim. He even described the case as a "Romeo and Juliet" situation, as though romance and consent had anything to do with it.

The Office of the Attorney General sought a writ of mandamus in that case, too, and the high court quickly responded,

ruling that Judge Camacho had "clearly erred" in his interpretation of the law. The judge was ordered to reconsider his finding of no probable cause for sexual assault—because rape is rape, regardless of the age of the offender or the victim. The judge obeyed the high court's order, but in his amended ruling he also appeared to disparage the victim, raising issues regarding her consensual relationship and sexual history that had no bearing at all on her case.

It is difficult to openly criticize the record of a sitting judge or oppose his retention. I know seasoned lawyers and advocates who are wary of crossing Judge Camacho because they fear retaliation that might compromise the interests of the people they represent. I can only imagine how much more fearful the victims of crime or court error must be.

But it is important to speak up, and I encourage the victims, their families, and their advocates to let their own voices be heard. Silence has a way of perpetuating harm, and it is only in talking openly about the problems we see that we can begin to address them. No matter what the retention outcome is for Judge Camacho, there will still be more that we can do as a community to reduce judicial abuse and error, and improve public safety and confidence in our courts. This includes more training for all our judges on sexual and domestic violence, victims' rights, and proper sentencing procedures. This also includes petitioning for independent investigations of judicial misconduct.

As one who has seen up close the impacts of sexual assault in our community and in my own life, among people I love, I am troubled by the pattern and consequences of Judge Camacho's erroneous decisions, especially in cases involving sexual violence and abuse of children. Based on my review of public records, my observations in court, my conversations at length with multiple credible people in our legal system, and Judge Camacho's own words and actions, I cannot in good conscience vote yes to his retention. And I urge each voter to look carefully at Judge Camacho's record for themselves and make their own conscientious decision whether to vote to retain him.

True justice is not a hammer. Our community is not safe when dangerous offenders go free because of procedural blunders committed by a judge. Our judges are not just when they fail to conduct fair trials or fail to issue fair sentences. And our courts are cruel when victims who have already gone through horrific abuse and the trauma of trial are subjected to retrials because the judge has made mistakes.

We need judges who are firm and wise, thoroughly versed in the law, and respectful of the rights of all people who appear in the courtroom—especially the most vulnerable among us. As voters we can choose to reject the retention of judges who do not meet that standard. And we can demand the appointment of judges who do.

Tina Sablan
Fina Sisu, Saipan

Inner peace

The following was my partial response to a question in one of my recently submitted college applications, which asked, "Why do you want to go college?"

I grew up in a family who lives for education, so it's no surprise that going to college was pushed onto my siblings and me very heavily.

My dad believes very much that education is the foundation for a successful life. He has preached that to me multiple times, but until recently I never really took the time to listen. I had assumed that when he talked about being successful, he meant a stable career and a consistent flow of income. Turns out, there's a lot more to that than I had previously thought.

When my dad talks about success, he's referring to what he calls "inner peace." He always told me that I would never come to peace with my life if I lived with a bunch of unanswered questions, and education prevents just that. The more you know, the less questions you'll have, and it'll be that much easier to find your answers.

By going to college, I hope to find my inner peace, which is a little ironic considering I'm signing myself up for a heavy workload and responsibilities, and where's the peace in that? However, I do believe that college will be one of the biggest steps I can take toward living the kind of successful life my dad has always told me about, and I think that sounds pretty great.

For those who don't know, my Dad, James M. Rayphand, happens to be running for the CNMI's Board of Education in this year's election and I think that sounds pretty great too.

Jayda Morelle Rayphand
San Vicente, Saipan

Keep Tinian moving forward

This is in response to the article "VIP Service shut down!" by John S. Del Rosario Jr. In your article under the subtitle "Politics of desperation," you referenced a caller from Tinian who implied that I was to be an observer on Election Day to possibly intimidate voters.

For the record, my appointment to be a poll observer came equally as a surprise to me as I did not make such a request. Let me be clear, I respect the election process and would never use my position or authority to interfere with the voting process. In fact, throughout the election season I have campaigned on the value of respect for the voter and our goal of working together. I also have full confidence in the Election Commission and the Office of the

Public Auditor to uphold the integrity of the election process and I welcome CEC and OPA to monitor my activities during Election Day to ensure a fair and intimidation free polling site.

Let me also state for the record that I am the chairman of the Tinian Republican Party and I strongly believe that the Tinian Republican candidates, Senate President Francisco M. Borja and Rep. Edwin P. Aldan, are the best and most qualified candidates for this election and I will extend my full support for their re-election. The progress that these candidates have delivered to Tinian are visible: pay raises for civil service employees, contin-

ued prioritization of funding CNMI retiree pensions, rebuilding of Tinian's infrastructure, and continued funding of municipal programs for health and education.

When you have these facts on your side, one can only focus on looking forward to how we can continue building on the progress that we have made and how we, collectively as community, can keep Tinian moving forward. This election cycle is a clear choice between building on the progress that we have made or the same old political tricks of misinformation and personal attacks which the other party clearly represents and your article is promoting. To the people of Tinian, I ask you to reject this tired politics of cynicism that offers no solutions or plans on how to improve the lives of our people.

Lastly, let me say this. When you are the party that has been delivering by raising people's personal economy, by presenting a comprehensive and workable plan to move Tinian forward, you can't help but instill hope and optimism in the people. To my dear people of Tinian, stand with me and let's continue building on the progress we have made. Hope and dream with me. Let's keep working and rebuilding toward those hopes and dreams for our island. Let's keep Tinian moving forward.

Joey P. San Nicolas
Precinct 6 chairman, NMI Republican Party

World Resort's Galit rules the CNMI Next Top Chef

It was about cooking up success.

From thorough planning to its seamless execution, the latest edition of the CNMI Next Top Chef competition was the largest ever successfully staged, joint organizers Empty Vessel Ministry and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands said.

The organizers acknowledged that the widely respected culinary competition was the result of the collective hard work by the committees and sponsors. A total of 12 chefs and their student chef-assistants from Kagman High School participated in this year's competition.

This year's competition was held on Wednesday evening and produced three top chefs: Marinero Galit of Saipan World Resort, first place; Edgardo Casing, Fiesta Resort Saipan, second place; and Francisco A. Sablan, independent, third place.

Imperial Pacific International was a gold sponsor. IPI fielded 10 volunteers from its Corporate Social Responsibility team, providing support and assistance in the setup and behind-the-scenes work to the actual staging of the competition, which was held at the



Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands president Gloria Cavanagh recognizes the work and contribution of Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility volunteers for the success of this year's CNMI Next Top Chef.

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Saipan World Resort.

"This year, the hotel association joined with Empty Vessel Ministry to bring to the CNMI the first-of-its-kind format for the CNMI Top Chef competition featuring Certified Angus Beef and Entwine, the wine of the Food Channel," said HANMI president Gloria Cavanagh. "The planning and execution of tonight's event could not have happened without the hard work of the committee. I applaud these hardworking people. It was not an easy event to pull off and I believe they presented us with a top quality event. I would like to recognize our gold sponsors, Best Sunshine

International (Imperial Pacific International) and Docomo Pacific; also our silver sponsor, Bridge Capital LLC, and bronze sponsors Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, IT&E, and the T Galleria. Thank you to all of our corporate sponsors that are always there to assist a good cause, which I believe this is."

All proceeds raised from the event will fund the work and advocacy of Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation. Since partnering with HANMI, the competition held this year was Empty Vessel Ministry's fourth and largest Top Chef event to date. It was established in 2011

"Best Sunshine International is a part of HANMI, and HANMI is a partner of Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation. We also have contributed to Empty Vessel in many different ways and have mutually collaborated with them in previous projects," IPI-CSR executive director Geri Dela Cruz said. "We consider them our partners in their main mission to go out and help the community and those in need."

Dela Cruz' team of 10 volunteers sat on the Top Chef committee assisting with planning months before the competition.

Aside from providing manpower, as a gold sponsor, Im-



Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility representative Zack Dela Cruz clears the chef's cooking station in preparation for the next segment of the event.

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perial Pacific International's \$2,000 helped fund needed materials and prizes for the competition.

Prior to the start of the event, IPI-CSR assisted with setting up the competition venue. During the event, IPI CSR was also responsible for time-keeping, clearing each chef's cooking station between competition rounds, assisting the backstage kitchen with cleaning each chefs' utensils, and securing the chefs who were waiting for their part in the competition.

Assisting in this year's competition was an exciting experience for the CSR volunteers who were able to observe firsthand the work of a professional chef and culinary experts.

Empty Vessel Ministry president Rose Smith acknowledged the support extended by Imperial Pacific International. "Empty Vessel would like to

thank Imperial Pacific for the partnership that they have extended to Empty Vessel since last year. When the island was hit by Typhoon Soudelor, Imperial Pacific was among the first and fastest sponsors to support Empty Vessel. They have continually supported our causes and donated funds toward events such as this for us to continue helping in the community," Smith noted.

For CNMI Next Top Chef, Imperial Pacific is a gold sponsor. "The company provided their CSR staff's services in helping at this event and they are an active part of the committee. Without the major support from Imperial Pacific, this event would not have gone the way it has gone, which is a very huge success. We do sincerely appreciate the company's support," Smith added. (PR)



Empty Vessel Ministry president Rose Smith poses with some Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility volunteers prior to the CNMI Top Chef event at Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall on Wednesday evening.

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Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility staff Tanishia Masga and Selmalyn Taitaino prepares six of the 12 chefs before their competition.

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Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility representative Marvin Palacios assists Hyatt Regency Saipan's Reiji S. Yoshizawa in clearing his station for the next segment of the competition.

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Business

Why robots, not trade, are behind so many factory job losses

WASHINGTON (AP)—Donald Trump blames Mexico and China for stealing millions of jobs from the United States.

He might want to bash the robots instead.

Despite the Republican presidential nominee's charge that "we don't make anything anymore," manufacturing is still flourishing in America. Problem is, factories don't need as many people as they used to because machines now do so much of the work.

America has lost more than 7 million factory jobs since manufacturing employment peaked in 1979. Yet American factory production, minus raw materials and some other costs, more than doubled over the same span to \$1.91 trillion last year, according to the Commerce Department, which uses 2009 dollars to adjust for inflation. That's a notch below the record set on the eve of the Great Recession in 2007. And it makes U.S. manufacturers No. 2 in the world behind China.

Trump and other critics are right that trade has claimed some American factory jobs, especially after China joined the World Trade Organization in 2001 and gained easier access to the U.S. market. And industries that have relied heavily on labor—like textile and furniture manufacturing—have lost jobs and production to low-wage foreign competition. U.S. textile production, for instance, is down 46 percent since 2000. And over that time, the textile industry has shed 366,000, or 62 percent, of its jobs in the United States.

But research shows that the automation of U.S. factories is a much bigger factor than foreign trade in the loss of factory jobs. A study at Ball State University's Center for Business and Economic Research last year found that trade accounted for just 13 percent of America's lost factory jobs. The vast majority of the lost jobs—88 percent—were taken by robots and other home-grown factors that reduce fac-



Susan Stacy moves a tube to sort recycled plastic bottle chips being processed at the Repeve Bottle Processing Center, part of the Unifi textile company in Yadkinville, N.C., Friday, Oct. 21, 2016.

tories' need for human labor.

"We're making more with fewer people," says Howard Shatz, a senior economist at the Rand Corp. think tank.

General Motors, for instance, now employs barely a third of the 600,000 workers it had in the 1970s. Yet it churns out more cars and trucks than ever.

Or look at production of steel and other primary metals. Since 1997, the United States has lost 265,000 jobs in the production of primary metals—a

42 percent plunge—at a time when such production in the U.S. has surged 38 percent.

Allan Collard-Wexler of Duke University and Jan De Loecker of Princeton University found last year that America didn't lose most steel jobs to foreign competition or faltering sales. Steel jobs vanished because of the rise of a new technology: Super-efficient mini-mills that make steel largely from scrap metal.

The robot revolution is just beginning.

The Boston Consulting Group predicts that investment in industrial robots will grow 10 percent a year in the 25-biggest export nations through 2025, up from 2 or 3 percent growth in recent years.

The economics of robotics are hard to argue with. When products are replaced or updated, robots can be re-programmed far faster and more easily than people can be retrained.

Safety chief: Honda must do more to fix dangerous air bags

DETROIT (AP)—Honda must do more to track down owners of 300,000 cars with highly dangerous Takata air bag inflators and make sure they are repaired, the nation's top auto safety regulator said Wednesday.

Mark Rosekind, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, says the agency has talked to Honda about hiring private investigators to track down owners, sending notices in different languages, or even taking service trucks into neighborhoods to repair cars on the spot.

"There's a whole series of things that we want to see," Rosekind said at an auto industry parts supplier conference Wednesday in Detroit. "It's just not happening fast enough for anybody."

Tests show that air bag inflators in 313,000 older Hondas and Acuras have up to a 50 percent chance of rupturing in a crash and shooting shrapnel at the driver. NHTSA and Honda issued an urgent warn-

ing to the vehicle owners in June, but so far only 13,000 of the cars have been fixed.

The cars date to 2001 and have a type of inflator that is more prone to explode than others made by Takata. They are so dangerous that the government told owners not to drive them unless going to a dealer to get repairs done. Honda says replacement parts are available for these vehicles.

The warning took on even more urgency after Delia Robles, 50, of Corona, California, died when the inflator ruptured on her 2001 Honda Civic after being hit head-on by a pickup truck Sept. 30.

Takata uses the explosive chemical ammonium nitrate to create a small explosion that inflates air bags in a crash. But the chemical can deteriorate when exposed to prolonged humidity and high temperatures. So far as many as 11 people in the U.S. and 16 people worldwide have been killed by Takata air bag inflators.

Pipeline company could face fines; protesters pepper-sprayed

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP)—Officers in riot gear clashed again Wednesday with protesters near the Dakota Access pipeline, hitting dozens with pepper spray as they waded through waist-deep water in an attempt to reach property owned by the pipeline's developer.

The confrontation came hours after North Dakota regulators criticized the pipeline company for not immediately reporting the discovery of American Indian artifacts and a day after President Barack Obama raised the possibility of future reroutes to alleviate tribal concerns.

Public Service Commission Chairwoman Julie Fedorchak said she was "extremely disappointed" that Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners waited 10 days before reporting last month's discovery of stone cairns and other artifacts. The panel could decide to levy fines of up to \$200,000, Fedorchak said, though she said such a high amount would be unlikely.

After an inspection, company consultants decided to divert the construction by about 50 feet, even though they determined there was a "low likelihood" any additional artifacts were buried nearby. The State Historic Preservation Office did concur with the company's plan on how to proceed after the artifacts were found.

Although that change was relatively minor, Obama said it was possible the Army Corps of Engineers could eventually examine much larger ones that would reroute the pipeline in southern North Dakota to alleviate tribal concerns. He made the remarks during an interview Tuesday with the online news outlet NowThis.

On Wednesday afternoon, protesters tried to build a wooden pedestrian bridge across a creek to enter the property, then attempted to swim or boat across when officers dismantled the bridge, Morton County Sheriff's spokeswoman Donnell Hushka said. Two arrests were reported.

Volunteer medics treated some of the protesters for hypothermia during the confrontation near the mouth of the Cannonball River.

About 140 people were arrested on the property last week in a law enforcement operation that cleared the encampment.

US airlines expect Thanksgiving travel to rise 2.5 percent

The nation's leading airlines are confident they can handle higher Thanksgiving travel this year partly because more people have signed up for quick-screening programs that are designed to keep airport security lines moving.

An airline trade group said Wednesday that about 27.3 million people will fly on U.S. airlines over a 12-day period that starts Nov. 18 and ends the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. That's up 2.5 percent from last year.

The industry expects airport lines to be manageable because more people have signed up for programs such as TSA PreCheck that screen travelers more quickly.

The Transportation Security Administration said that nearly 4 million people are enrolled in PreCheck, up from 1.75 million a year ago. More than 5 million are in other programs, mostly Global Entry, which is run by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"The doubled enrollment in expedited-screening programs from one year ago gives us great reason for optimism about how smooth the process will be," John Heimlich, chief economist for the trade group Airlines for America, told reporters. "We're confident, I think, the bigger wild card is weather."

Long security lines were a problem at many airports this spring. American Airlines said that more than 70,000 passengers missed flights in the first five months of the year due to long lines. The TSA responded by increasing staffing and encouraging people to sign up for PreCheck.

For Thanksgiving travelers, the airline group expects the busiest travel days to be the Wednesday before and the Sunday and Monday after the holiday. Over the 12-day period, the airlines expect about 55,000 more passengers per day, but they say they have added about 74,000 seats per day with bigger planes and more flights.

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PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW

17,959.64

-77.46

-0.43%

S&P

2,097.94

-13.78

-0.65%

NASDAQ

5,105.57

-48.01

-0.93%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.3029
British Pound	0.8105
Canadian Dollar	1.3361
Chinese Yuan	6.7594
Euro	0.8991

Hong Kong Dollar	7.7549
Indian Rupee	66.68
Indonesian Rupiah	13043
Japanese Yen	102.744
Malaysian Ringgit	4.1775
New Zealand Dollar	1.3651

Philippine Peso	48.32
Singapore Dollar	1.3835
South Korean Won	1139.1
Swiss Franc	0.9701
Taiwan Dollar	31.47
Thailand Baht	34.93

Nation

Out West, Clinton paints grim picture of life under Trump

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—Hillary Clinton revealed in reliably red Arizona Wednesday, seeking to pluck a Republican state away from Donald Trump in the closing days of the caustic race for the White House.

"This state is in play for the first time in years," Clinton exclaimed during a nighttime rally on the campus of Arizona State University. She was greeted by a boisterous crowd of 15,000, one of her largest of the campaign.

Clinton's campaign has been eyeing Arizona for weeks. The state has voted for the Democratic presidential candidate only once since 1952—Bill Clinton in his 1996 re-election campaign—but Clinton's team believes it's winnable this year given Trump's deep unpopularity with Hispanics.

Clinton painted a grim view of life for Hispanics under a Trump administration. She also waded into a local sheriff's race getting national attention, backing Democrat Paul Penzone in the race for Maricopa County sheriff, a post held by immigration hardliner Joe Arpaio.

"I think it's time you had a new sheriff in town, don't



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton greets workers at a campaign field office in North Las Vegas, Nev., Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016.

you?" she said.

And in a nod to Republicans, she called out Trump for his criticism in the GOP primary of Carly Fiorina, the only woman to seek her party's nomination. Clinton called Fiorina "a distinguished woman with a tremendous record of accomplishment."

Clinton arrived in Arizona following a rally in Las Ve-

gas, where she urged voters to imagine what life would be like if Trump is inaugurated on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in January. For Hispanics, she said, that would mean having a president "who doesn't see you as Americans." And for blacks, she said it would mean having a president who believes their lives are consumed by "crime and poverty

and despair."

For Clinton, the final full week of the presidential campaign has turned into a greatest hits list of her most searing attacks on Trump and the Republican's most glaring missteps. On Tuesday, she campaigned in Florida with Alicia Machado, a former Miss Universe winner whom Trump criticized for gaining

weight, and slammed Trump repeatedly for his demeaning comments about women.

In Las Vegas Wednesday, Clinton took aim at Trump's feud with an American-born judge of Mexican heritage who ruled against the businessman in an ongoing legal matter. Trump said earlier this year that Judge Gonzalo Curiel's Mexican roots meant he had a conflict of interest in the case given Trump's

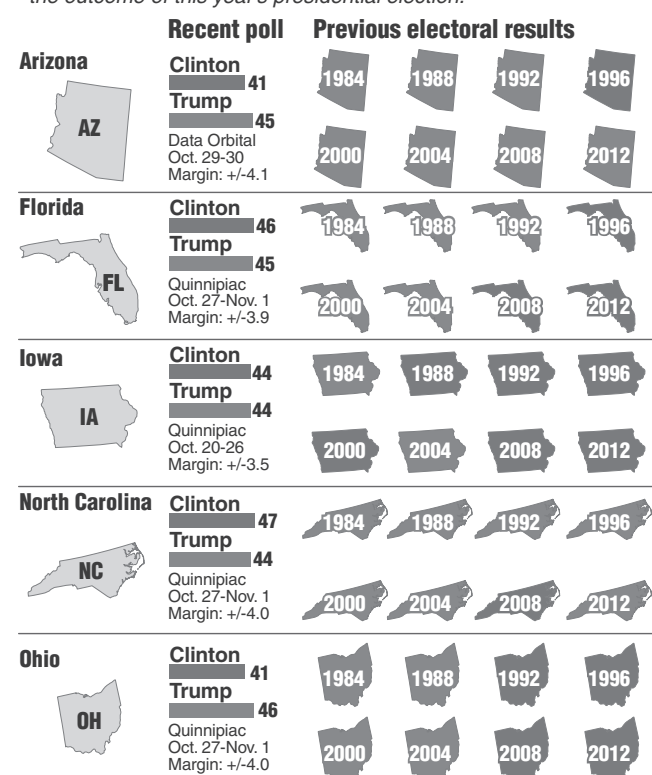
proposal to build a wall along the U.S. Southern border.

Clinton said Curiel "is as American as Donald Trump."

Clinton's efforts to sharpen the contrast with Trump has left her campaign shrouded in a dark, negative tone as she closes out her White House bid. It's a conscious choice her campaign says is necessary as polls tighten ahead of next Tuesday's election.

Battleground states

Here's a look at the swing states that could be key in determining the outcome of this year's presidential election:



Source: Los Angeles Times reporting, Quinnipiac University, Data Orbital, NARA Graphic: TNS

McConnell gives strongest statement yet in favor of Trump

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP)—Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has made his strongest statement yet on his party's presidential nominee, telling a rally in his home state Wednesday that "we need a new president, Donald Trump, to be the most powerful Republican in America."

McConnell has warned repeatedly that Republicans could lose control of the Senate this year as they

are forced to defend a handful of seats in swing states across the country. Since endorsing Trump shortly after he secured the nomination, McConnell has been mostly silent about the nominee so that vulnerable incumbents—like New Hampshire's Kelly Ayotte—could distance themselves from Trump and his increasingly erratic comments. McConnell even told a group of business leaders at a recent

speech that if they wanted to hear him discuss Trump, they "might as well go ahead and leave."

But speaking in a cavernous tractor dealership in central Kentucky on Wednesday night—where McConnell was introduced as the "most powerful Republican in the world"—the senator went all in for Trump before a small but enthusiastic crowd.

"If America votes like Kentucky, we'll be fine," Mc-

Connell said.

While McConnell has not been eager to discuss Trump, he has had plenty to say about Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. His decision to block Obama's Supreme Court nominee has emboldened members of his party. Some, including John McCain of Arizona and Ted Cruz of Texas, have vowed they would not confirm any Democratic nominees, leaving the court with eight members.

Judge: No sharing selfies with marked California ballots

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—California voters heading to the polls should leave their selfie sticks at home.

A federal judge on Wednesday refused to lift the state's ban in the current election on sharing photos of marked ballots. U.S. District Court Judge William Alsup said changing the rules so late in the election process would create confusion.

"It's not fair to the voters in California, the people who run those polling places and the secretary of state to jam this down their throats at the last minute," Alsup said. The ban applies to photos taken in polling booths and at home or elsewhere by people

voting by mail.

The ruling came on the same day a federal judge in Colorado heard arguments on that state's ballot selfie ban. A legal challenge also is pending in New York.

There are laws against voters sharing any photo of their ballot in 18 states, while six others bar photography in polling places but allow photos of mail-in ballots, according to a review by The Associated Press.

Alsup said poll workers could be confused about whether people could use selfie sticks or take videos. He also raised concerns that photos that capture other people at

the polling place might intimidate or disturb voters.

Ballot photo bans were enacted over 100 years ago as a way to prevent coercion, intimidation and vote buying, but they have raised First Amendment concerns in today's era of social media and selfies.

The ACLU in a lawsuit filed on Monday said California's ban violates voters' right to freedom of speech by preventing them from expressing their political views. The group sought an injunction blocking the state from enforcing the ban in the Nov. 8 election.

Alsup said there were legitimate reasons to block people

from sharing their marked ballots. He cited concerns about employers threatening to fire workers if they didn't vote a particular way and demanding to see their ballots as proof.

Judges have struck down bans on the selfies in at least two states, and rules have changed in others. But in Colorado and many other states, sharing a picture of your ballot still carries potential fines or jail time.

California has not enforced its ban, and the state recently passed a law allowing photographs of ballots, including those taken at polling stations, to be shared, though that won't take effect until January.

ACROSS THE NATION

Suspect in officer deaths has history of racial provocations

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—

A white man with a history of racial provocations and confrontations with police ambushed and fatally shot two white officers Wednesday in separate attacks as they sat in their patrol cars, authorities said. Police took 46-year-old Scott Michael Greene into custody hours after the killings and less than three weeks after he argued with officers who removed him from a high school football game where he had unfurled a Confederate flag near black spectators. Greene flagged down an Iowa Department of Natural Resources employee in a rural area west of Des Moines, identified himself and asked that the employee call 911. Sheriff's deputies and state patrol officers took him into custody. He's suspected in the early morning slayings of 24-year-old Justin Martin, who had been with the force in the Des Moines suburb of Urbandale since 2015, and 38-year-old Sgt. Anthony Bemino, who joined the Des

Moines department in 2005.

Baltimore school bus driver had traffic violation history

BALTIMORE (AP)—The

Baltimore school bus driver who died along with five others in a collision with a commuter bus was found at fault in three traffic-related cases in the last eight years, according to civil and criminal court records and an attorney interviewed by The Associated Press on Wednesday. Glenn R. Chappell, 67, lost a civil case over hitting a parked car in Baltimore in 2008. Nationwide Insurance said in its complaint that Chappell's vehicle "veered from the roadway" and struck the car. The complaint alleged he was negligent for "failing to pay full time and attention to the roadway, operating at excessive speed, failing to maintain control of his vehicle, failing to avoid colliding with other vehicles." The court ordered Chappell to pay about \$2,400, which he did, according to Nationwide's lawyer, Michael David Johnson.

Asia

Duterte says he'll consider sticking with US weapons

SUAL, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said Wednesday he'll consider continuing to acquire weapons and defense equipment from treaty ally the United States if his military recommends so, despite offers from China and Russia.

Duterte made the remark in a speech in which he again railed at the U.S. with expletives for criticizing his deadly anti-drug crackdown, calling American officials "monkeys" and breaking a promise that he would no longer resort to trash talk.

Duterte, who took office in June, has been antagonistic to U.S., EU and U.N. officials who have raised human rights concerns over his brutal crackdown on illegal drug sellers and users and called for an end to extrajudicial killings.

He has used expletives in responding to their criticisms, telling President Barack Obama to "go to hell" in an outburst last month. He has declared his intention to scale back his country's military engagements with Washington, including ending largescale joint combat exercises and the presence of visiting U.S. forces, while reaching out to expand once-frosty relations with China and Russia.

U.S. officials, however, say they have not been formally notified by the Philippines of any change in security relations and activities and stress that Washington wants to continue its decades-long alliance with Manila.

Asked about Duterte's latest tirade, State Department spokesman John Kirby said it was inexplicably at odds with the close relationship that the U.S. continues to have with the Philippine government and people. He said that in a democracy, government "doesn't rest on the shoulders of just one individual."

"There are long standing relationships that we have nurtured over the years with figures in his government, and those relationships are still there, and they're still vibrant," Kirby told reporters, adding that the U.S. remains committed to developing a good working relationship with Duterte himself.

Duterte said he has asked his defense secretary and military officials to travel to China and Russia to check what weapons and defense equipment they have to offer, but added that the military's recommendation will be crucial.

"China is open. Anything



you want. They even sent me a brochure, telling me to choose and they will provide," Duterte said.

"I'm just holding off because I'm looking at the military," he said. "If you want to stick with America, fine, but assess it well

and find a balance because we are being ridiculed."

The brash president traveled to a wharf in Sual town in the

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is greeted by local government officials as he arrives for a symbolic send-off of arrested Vietnamese fishermen at Sual township, Pangasinan province in northern Philippines Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016.

northwestern province of Pangasinan to lead a poignant send-off ceremony for 17 Vietnamese fishermen who were arrested last month for poaching in local waters. The complaints were dropped after the Vietnamese said a typhoon forced their three boats toward the northern Philippines and that they had no intention of poaching.

Duterte said his Vietnamese counterpart appealed for the fishermen's release and Wednesday's ceremony—in which he shook hands with the fishermen and handed each a bag filled with food, a raincoat and toiletries—showed how Asians resolve problems.

Pakistan withdraws 6 diplomats from New Delhi amid tension

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan on Wednesday withdrew six diplomats from its embassy in New Delhi, officials said, amid rising tension between the two countries over the disputed region of Kashmir.

In another mark of the increasing animosity and suspicion between the nuclear-armed neighbors, two Pakistani officials said that they had uncovered an alleged "network of Indian spy agencies" working at the Indian embassy in Islamabad. They said authorities have sought Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's approval to expel a number of Indian diplomats. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the issue.

In New Delhi, Vikas Swarup, the Indian External Affairs Ministry's spokesman, confirmed that six Pakistani diplomats flew back to Islamabad after being withdrawn by their government. He told The Associated Press that Pakistan had not yet expelled any Indian diplomats from the country.

Swarup said earlier Wednesday that India had summoned senior Pakistani diplomat Syed

Haider Shah to protest cease-fire violations in Kashmir.

Last week, India expelled Pakistani diplomat Mahmood Akhtar from the embassy in New Delhi after detaining him on espionage charges. Within hours, Islamabad retaliated by expelling Indian diplomat Sajeel Singh.

Akhtar told The Associated Press that he was arrested by Indian police while visiting the zoo in New Delhi. He said that while in detention he was tortured and forced to confess on camera to working for Pakistan's spy agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence.

He said that police kicked him with batons and beat him. "My whole body is still in pain," he said. No Indian official was immediately available to comment.

The diplomatic spat has grown out of rising violence in Kashmir, a mountainous region claimed by both countries and divided into Pakistani and Indian-controlled regions. Several troops from both sides have died in recent skirmishes along the Line of Control, which demarcates the two parts of Kashmir.

S. Korea prosecutors detain ex-presidential aide amid scandal

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean prosecutors have detained a former senior aide of President Park Geun-hye as they widen their investigation into a snowballing scandal centering on whether the president's close friend controlled the government from the shadows, officials said Thursday.

Ahn Jong-beom is the second person detained in connection with a scandal that has plunged Park's approval rating to record lows and triggered mounting calls for her resignation. Earlier this week, prosecutors detained Park's friend, Choi Soon-sil, and requested an arrest warrant for her.

South Korean media speculate Choi, who has no gov-

ernment position, secretly made policy recommendations for Park and pushed businesses to donate millions of dollars to two foundations she controlled.

The detention of Ahn wasn't unexpected—he's been connected in media reports to Choi—but it is another investigative step closer to the presidential Blue House. Park may survive what has become the worse patch of an already rocky four years in office, but a major test will be whether opposition parties reject her recent nomination for a new prime minister. If she's forced to name a prime minister chosen by the opposition, it would hamstring her authority and might end her ability to govern.

Prosecutors investigating the scandal detained Ahn on Wednesday night after they summoned him for questioning over whether he was involved in extracting \$70 million in donations, according to the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office. Prosecutors have 48 hours to determine whether to seek an arrest warrant for Ahn or release him.

Ahn was among the eight presidential advisers fired by Park in an attempt to regain public trust in the wake of the scandal. On Thursday, Park nominated a new prime minister and two other top officials, but opposition lawmakers quickly criticized the reshuffling as a diversion.

Much of the public frenzy

over the scandal is associated with Choi's family background. Her father led a religious cult and reportedly was a private mentor for Park, whose parents each were assassinated in the 1970s. Park's father was a military dictator who ruled South Korea for 18 years.

While acknowledging her ties to Choi Soon-sil last week, Park said Choi helped her "when I had difficulties" in the past. Park acknowledged that Choi had edited some of her speeches and provided public relations help. South Korean media speculate Choi may have had access to sensitive information and played a much larger role in government affairs.



ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippine leader wary of nuclear energy over safety issues

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said it's unlikely his country will adopt nuclear energy during his six-year term because of safety concerns. Duterte said nuclear energy remains an important option in the future, but the Philippines needs to undertake a study and put "really tight safeguards" in place. "Not, maybe, during my presidency. ... Not now because we have to come up with safeguards, really, really tight safeguards, to assure that there will be no disasters if there is a nuclear leak

or explosion," Duterte said late Tuesday in response to a reporter's question about his view of nuclear energy. Proponents argue that nuclear energy would lessen the country's dependence on dirty fossil fuels and help the economy take off. Critics, however, are concerned about safety in a country crisscrossed by seismic fault lines with a history of destructive earthquakes.

2016 already deadliest year for journalists in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Media advocates say that 2016 has already proved the deadliest year for jour-

nalists in Afghanistan. Najib Sharifi, the head of the Afghan Journalists Safety Committee, said Wednesday that at least 11 journalists have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year, the highest annual death toll on record. AJSC figures show that over 60 journalists have been killed in the past 16 years in Afghanistan. Sharifi says their deaths were never investigated. The figure includes journalists killed in conflict, targeted by unknown gunmen or murdered.

Thai court rejects defamation case against UK labor activist

BANGKOK (AP)—Thai-

land's top court Thursday dismissed a criminal defamation case against British labor activist Andy Hall that had been brought by a local fruit canning company and the attorney general, but his suspended prison sentence in a related case still stands. Hall faces two more civil defamation cases brought by the canning company as part of an all-out legal assault that have raised serious concerns among human rights workers and free speech advocates. On Thursday the Supreme Court said it was throwing out an appeal by the attorney general and Natural Fruit Co. Ltd. against a decision by lower courts exonerating Hall.

World

US monitors: IS group leader rallies his fighters in Mosul

IRBIL, Iraq (AP)—The leader of the Islamic State group has released a new message encouraging his followers to keep up the fight for the city of Mosul, which they are defending against Iraqi government forces, a U.S. organization that monitors militant activity online said Thursday.

The SITE Intelligence Group said the speech purporting to be from Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was released in an audio recording, more than half an hour long, late on Wednesday.

In the recording, al-Baghdadi rallies his fighters—especially in Mosul—and is calling on them to obey orders while remaining resilient and steadfast. He urges others to carry out attacks in Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

“Oh you who seek martyrdom! Start your actions! Turn the night of the disbelievers into day,” he says. “Totally decimate their territories, and make their blood flow like rivers!”

The recording was the exclusive al-Baghdadi’s first released message to supporters since Iraqi forces launched the



decisive battle to retake Mosul, the country’s second-largest city, from IS. The message apparently was an attempt to harness the feelings of Sunni

disenfranchisement that preceded the 2014 IS takeover of Mosul, a largely Sunni city in Shiite-majority Iraq.

Using a derogatory term for

Shiites, he says followers of the Muslim sect want to drive “empty Iraq of Sunnis and replace them with the worst of people.”

He calls on fighters to “respond to all attacks,” and to “target all in their media and

Supporters of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr wave national flags during a demonstration in front of the Turkish Embassy calling for the immediate withdrawal of Turkish troops from northern Iraq, in Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016.

forces, and all who belong to them.”

The audio message could not be independently verified but it was similar to recordings previously released by al-Baghdadi.

The Islamic State group is fighting to hold Iraq’s second city of Mosul as Iraqi forces and allied Kurdish forces advance on the city with U.S.-led coalition support.

The city of more than one million people and surrounding territory fell to IS fighters during a surprise attack in June 2014. Al-Baghdadi visited the city after the takeover, and from inside Mosul, declared an Islamic caliphate that at one point covered nearly a third of Iraq and Syria.

Putin offers new pause, exits for Syrian’s besieged Aleppo

MOSCOW (AP)—The Russian president on Wednesday offered a new unilateral humanitarian pause for Syria’s war-ravaged Aleppo, urging rebels to use it to leave the city’s eastern, besieged districts. The Syrian rebels quickly dismissed Vladimir Putin’s initiative.

Later in the day, at least eight civilians were killed in presumed government or Russian air strikes on the rebel-held town of Saraqib in Idlib province, a local search-and-rescue outfit reported.

Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his forces to open humanitarian corridors to eastern Aleppo this Friday, along with two routes for reb-

els to leave the city “in order to prevent a senseless loss of life,” the Defense Ministry announced Wednesday.

One exit leads to the Turkish border, the other to the city of Idlib, according to the ministry.

The U.N. and other relief organizations declined to use the corridors two weeks ago, when Russia first opened them, saying rebels and pro-government forces would not guarantee their safety. Few rebels or civilians were seen leaving the city, either.

Chief of the Russian General Staff Gen. Valery Gerasimov said he was “calling on all leaders of armed groups directly to cease hostilities and

leave Aleppo with their weapons.”

Gerasimov also said the rebel offensive on the Syrian government-held districts in western Aleppo, which was launched last week, has failed to break through the siege.

“They have no chance to break out of the city,” he added.

Rebel groups in Aleppo dismissed Russia’s latest offer, with one of the groups describing it as a media stunt for “public consumption.”

Yasser al-Youssef, a spokesman for the Nour el-Din el-Zinki rebel group, said Russia “is not serious” and its latest initiatives “don’t concern us.” He added that the

Russian leader’s comments do not reflect the reality on the ground.

“We need an international commission to check the Russian lies,” al-Youssef said.

Molhem Ekaidi, deputy commander of Fastaqim group, one of the major rebel factions fighting inside Aleppo, also accused the Russians of lying. “The (Russian) shelling and crimes continue and their planes have not left the skies of Aleppo,” he said.

The two factions, Nour el-Din el-Zinki and Fastaqim, were later reported clashing among themselves inside the besieged city over detentions, according to activists briefed on the situation.

France moves over 1,600 child migrants out of Calais camp

CALAIS, France (AP)—French authorities bused all unaccompanied children—1,616 of them—out of Calais’ sprawling migrant slum on Wednesday, taking them to special processing centers in one of the final steps to empty the notorious camp in the English Channel city.

The underage migrants climbed into 38 buses in a day-long operation that began just under a week after adult migrants were cleared out of the camp known as “the jungle” and sent to refugee centers around France.

In the government’s final move, women and their children—slightly more than 300 people—in the Calais camp were to be transported to family centers on Thursday.

“Then there will be no one at the end of the day,” said Steve Barbet, spokesman for the Pas-de-Calais region.

Last week’s operation to evacuate and demolish the makeshift camp—whose population soared to more than 10,000 two months ago, aid groups said—was a mammoth logistical task rushed to completion after fires engulfed large swaths of the slum. Clean-up crews finished pulling down shelters Tuesday.

Two agents from the British Home Office traveled on each bus, said Barbet. They

will study files of the underage migrants, who often have family members in the U.K., to see who might qualify for transfer to Britain—the goal of most migrants who used the camp as a stepping stone for bids to sneak across the Channel by hiding out in freight trucks.

Since Oct. 17, Britain has taken in slightly more than 300 Calais migrants. France is pressing Britain to do more.

Most of the youths lined up calmly to board the buses, though one grabbed onto a fence, begging British officials to take him to the U.K.

Migrants from the Mideast and Africa had converged on the Calais camp over the past 18 months. The filthy, lawless site had become a symbol of Europe’s migrant crisis and a source of shame for France.

The child migrants were taken to 60 dedicated centers scattered around France until British officials decide their cases. Those refused access to Britain will be put under the care of French child welfare services.

The operation rekindled tensions among some youths, who feared it means the end of their dream of reaching Britain.

“They are saying ‘you are young, we can help you’. But they are not helping me,” Carlos Osma, a 16-year-old from Sudan, said before boarding a bus.

Italy quake hits regional economy built on small producers

ROME (AP)—The Lanzi company has been curing hams in the Italian town of Norcia for over half a century. It’s a family business, employing owner David Lanzi’s five children as well as 60 locals.

All of that is now at risk, after Sunday’s earthquake knocked down the walls of the company’s cured meats production site. Lanzi, 78, is working day and night to secure the produce, clean up rubble and seek state aid. Most of the employees are homeless and sleep in cars or tents.

Without aid, the business will go under.

“I won’t fire anyone” he told The Associated Press. “If the state helps us, fine. Otherwise we’re done.”

Norcias, one of the towns most heavily hit by the 6.6-magnitude quake, is known for its cured hams. Lanzi has 15 million euros (\$16.8 million) in annual revenue and is facing 1.5 million euros in estimated damages from the quake, which was the third major shock since August.

Commerce officials say the

quake affected an area of central Italy with some 10,000 businesses, hitting hardest the artisans who account for 90 percent of the economic turnover.

Dairy businesses and the makers of prized hams have seen their warehouses damaged and are struggling to distribute stock before it spoils. The tourism sector is all but dead for the foreseeable future. And small artisans are facing supply and delivery interruptions.

Prime Minister Matteo Renzi has pledged to rebuild

homes, churches and businesses, which will be key to re-establishing the economic motor for the quake zone. The government last week earmarked 40 million euros to 62 communities affected by two jolts on Oct. 26, and will meet this week to commit new funds after Sunday’s more powerful quake, which extended the damaged area to nearly 200 communities. Early Thursday, the region was hit by a magnitude-5.0 tremor, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Off The Wall

University executive director under fire for Bigfoot hunt

GALLUP, N.M. (AP)—The head of the University of New Mexico's Gallup campus is under fire for spending money on Bigfoot-related pursuits.

UNM Gallup's Executive Director Dr. Christopher Dyer organized a two-day,

on-campus Bigfoot conference in February followed by a Bigfoot expedition, costing taxpayers more than \$7,000, KRQE-TV reported.

"It was the largest and most well-attended event in the history of this campus,"

Dad takes daughter trick-or-treating on cross-country flight

BOSTON (AP)—A father determined to help his 3-year-old daughter enjoy Halloween even though they were on a Boston-to-San Francisco flight decided to take her trick-or-treating on the plane.

Stephanie Kahan told The Boston Globe (<http://bit.ly/2f6acGH>) via email that she was on the flight with the man and his daughter on Monday when he passed out notes and candy to passengers. The note explained that Molly, dressed as

a doughnut, was "bummed that she wouldn't be able to go trick-or-treating" and asked for help from fellow passengers.

The girl then walked up and down the aisle collecting the candy.

Kahan called it a "heart-warming moment" and said every passenger was excited to participate.

Kahan said the father wanted to remain anonymous. Her tweet had been shared nearly 70,000 times Tuesday morning.

All in the family? 13 grizzly bears gather in foothills

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP)—Maybe it was a grizzly bear family reunion.

Montana wildlife officials spotted 13 grizzly bears together on a private ranch in the foothills of the Rocky Mountain Front southwest of Dupuyer.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks grizzly bear management specialist Mike Madel tells the Great Falls Tribune (gftrib.com/2ekwDah) that it seemed like a gathering of females and young who were related or familiar with each other.

Madel was tracking radio-

collared grizzly bears along the front during the third week of October when he spotted and photographed the group.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services grizzly bear biologist Wayne Kasworm says he's never seen that many bears in one location in Montana. He echoed Madel's theory that the bears could have some relationship, possibly mothers and daughters and even grandmothers. There was no indication that any food in the area had drawn the crowd as the bears prepare to hibernate.

Dyer said.

UNM paid for advertising,

meals for guest speakers, airfare and per diem. Self-professed Bigfoot expert Dr. Jeff Meldrum was paid a \$1,000 honorarium plus expenses.

The other guest speaker, Rob Kryder, was paid a \$500 honorarium plus expenses.

Dyer is an avid Bigfoot hunter in his free time and

says he only pursues the mythical creature when he isn't on the job. He has a collection of Bigfoot hairs and photos of suspicious footprints.



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Balzarini**

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*Sr. Mary Louise and may
God grant you eternal light and peace!*



OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ruff justice: Michigan dog wins release from death row

PORT HURON, Mich. (AP)—A Michigan dog who spent weeks on death row has returned home after DNA tests cleared him in the death of Vlad, a dog next door. Jeb, a Belgian Malinois, was released to his owner Wednesday. Kenneth Job was emotional, saying his dog looks "awful skinny but he's alive." Jeb was seen standing over Vlad's body on Aug. 24 in St. Clair Township, 50 miles northeast of Detroit. Authorities said the Pomeranian's injuries suggest he was picked up and shaken by a larger animal. A judge ordered that Jeb be euthanized. But he also agreed to DNA tests on Vlad's body. The result: No DNA from Jeb. The Port Huron Times Herald says Jeb's owner has agreed to install an adequate fence.

Rapper behind song 'Sell Drugz' is accused of selling drugs

LEBANON, Pa. (AP)—A rapper whose songs include "Sell Drugz" has been charged with selling drugs in Pennsylvania. Twenty-nine-year-old Michael Persaud performs under the name Montana Millz. The Lebanon County district attorney says Persaud and a female accomplice sold heroin to an undercover police officer during a months-long investigation. The district attorney says they sold 70 bags of heroin to an undercover officer in Lebanon and were arrested Oct. 28. The district attorney says police raided the couple's hotel room and found more than 2 ounces of heroin worth about \$11,500. The two suspects are both from Johnston, Rhode Island. They remain jailed. Online court records don't list an attorney for Persaud. Investigators say his online mix tape also includes songs called "Gun Play" and "Armed and Ready."

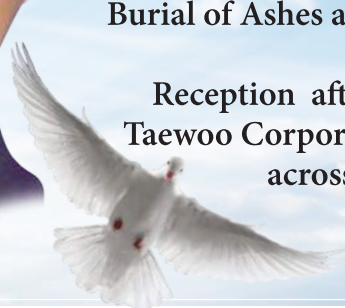
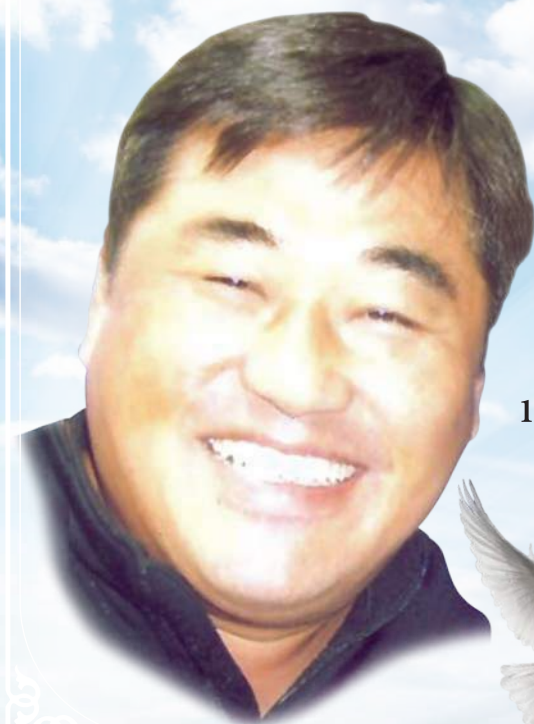
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In Remembrance of
Ju Young Kim

Date of Birth: October 20, 1961
Date of Death: October 09, 2016

A Mass on Saturday November 5, 2016,
1:00pm at Santa Soledad Church followed by the
Burial of Ashes at Kagman Cabrera Homes.

Reception after the service will be at
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Science & Technology

Uber takes its app down new road with redesign

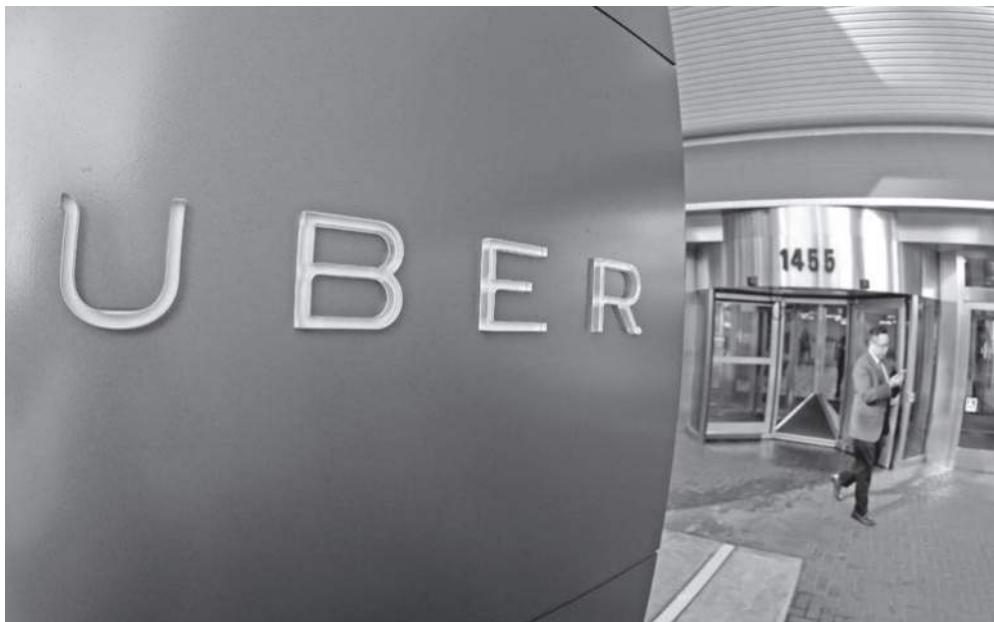
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Uber is taking its ride-hailing app down a new road in an effort to make it smarter, simpler and more fun to use.

The redesigned app also will seek to mine personal information stored on smartphones in a change that could raise privacy concerns, even though it will be up to individual users to let Uber peer into their calendars and address books.

The change represents the biggest overhaul in four years to Uber's popular app, which is used by millions of people to summon cars in more than 450 cities around the world for rides that are usually cheaper than traditional taxis.

But as Uber has grown, the app has been adding features that have made it more difficult to navigate. The new design and features are designed to save passengers time and money. The new app will begin to roll out Wednesday, though it could take a couple weeks before all users get the update.

As part of the new look,



In this Dec. 16, 2014, file photo a man leaves the headquarters of Uber in San Francisco. Uber is taking its ride-hailing app down a new road in an effort to make it smarter, simpler and more fun to use. AP

Uber will spell out more clearly how long it will take and how much it will cost to reach a destination in different types of available cars. The app will also recommend the best places to be picked up in congested areas.

The reprogrammed app also will study a rider's traveling history and list frequently ordered destinations as "shortcuts."

In another time-saving move that will test how much users trust the San Francisco company with their personal

information, users will be able to give the app access to their calendars so addresses listed in an entry can automatically appear in the Uber app near the time of the appointment. Uber plans to introduce this option by next month.

Trump is master of his domains, even ones that bash him

By **MICHAEL R. SISAK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Whoever owns donaldtrump-sucks.com must really hate Donald Trump, right? Wrong! It's the Donald himself.

The same goes for no2trump.com, trumpmustgo.com and two dozen other web addresses that sound like they're bashing the billionaire Republican presidential nominee, his business interests or

his political aspirations.

What would Trump want with such insulting domains? Easy. To make sure his critics and rivals can't have them.

He and his Trump Organization own more than 3,600 web addresses, according to the research firm DomainIQ. The vast majority bear the names of his properties, products and progeny. There are 274 domains alone featuring the name of Trump's daughter Ivanka.

And then there are the ones that seem better suited for the anti-Trump crowd: eight domains ending in "scheme," eight ending in "fraud" and eight ending in "sucks."

It is common for businesses and celebrities to scoop up and sit on web addresses that could be used to mock or attack them.

Cable giant Comcast owns ihatecomcast.com, and Verizon holds verizonsucks.com.

Colleges have made a habit of buying up versions of their names ending in .xxx to prevent them from falling into the hands of pornographers, and Major League Baseball has registered the names of various teams ending in .sex.

"Domains are cheap," branding expert Rebecca Lieb said. "Mopping up when somebody acquires a domain and does something malicious with it is expensive."

Germany: Clock ticking for Facebook to act over hate speech

BERLIN (AP)—Facebook and Twitter have months to improve their response to online hate speech in Germany or face legal measures, the country's justice minister said Tuesday.

Heiko Maas said checks show that social networking sites have a patchy record of deleting posts that are considered illegal in Germany.

A two-month test conducted over the summer found that Facebook removed 46 percent of posts flagged by users, while Twitter removed just 1 percent. The figures increased to 91 percent for Facebook and 82 percent for Twitter when the companies were contacted directly or flagged by so-called privileged users.

Maas said the checks will

continue until March.

"If it turns out that the removal rate remains so low, then we'll take legislative measures," he said.

Twitter declined to respond directly to Maas' comments, but cited its policy banning accounts whose primary purpose is to incite harm toward others. The company said it cooperates with law enforce-

ment agencies and regularly publishes figures for how many information requests it gets from German authorities.

Facebook said it was working to improve the way it deals with hate speech. The company now has thousands of staff vetting reports and aims to respond within 24 hours.

Despite strict laws against incitement to hatred, harass-

Gawker's shell settles with Hulk Hogan for \$31 million

NEW YORK (AP)—The shell of Gawker has settled with Hulk Hogan for \$31 million, ending a years-long fight that led to the media company's bankruptcy, the shutdown of Gawker.com and the sale of Gawker's other sites to Spanish-language broadcaster Univision.

Gawker founder Nick Denton in a Wednesday blog post said that the "saga is over."

The invasion-of-privacy case, which revolved around a sex tape posted on Gawker.com, resulted in a \$140 million verdict won by the former professional wrestler in a Florida court. It became even more notorious when it emerged that Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel had secretly bankrolled the suit. Thiel was outed as gay by a Gawker-owned website in 2007.

The settlement instead means Hogan will get \$31 million as well as 45 percent of the proceeds from potential sale of Gawker.com, said Elizabeth Traub, a spokeswoman for Hogan's lawyer, David Houston. Gawker.com is dormant but its archives remain online.

Houston said in an emailed statement that "all parties have agreed it is time to move on."

Denton said in the Wednesday post that he was confident that an appeals court would have reduced the \$140 million verdict, but "an all-out war with Thiel would have cost too much, and hurt too many people, and there was no end in sight...Gawker's nemesis was not going away." Thiel has said he would support Hogan, whose real name is Terry Bollea, "until his final victory."

Starting in December, Uber will also seek access to users' personal contacts so they can ask for a ride to where a friend currently is, even if the friend isn't home. If this feature is activated, Uber's app will contact the friend to ask if he or she is willing to share the current location. If the friend doesn't have the Uber app, the request will be sent through a text message to the mobile number listed in the address book.

Uber says it doesn't expect privacy objections because users will have to agree to allow

the app to scan their calendars and address books. And people whose locations are being sought through the new address-book feature will be able to decide if they want to share the information.

The redesigned app also will offer other features from other services that Uber riders might enjoy during the trip to their destination. The additions include the ability to check out restaurant reviews through Yelp, send messages through Snapchat and listen to music on Pandora.

TECH Q&A

iPhone shift from Wi-Fi to cellular data can get pricey

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: My iPhone 6 Plus is one of six phones on my plan that share 40 gigabytes of cellular data per month. Although the phone is always connected to Wi-Fi at work and at home (where I use Pandora Internet Radio and other apps), it still uses nearly half the plan's cellular data. I only use the iPhone's cellular connection about an hour a day, when I'm in the car commuting. Why is the phone using so much cellular data?

A: Because your iPhone is probably using the iOS 9 or iOS 10 operating system, it may be consuming cellular data without your knowledge.

Why? By default, those iOS versions use a feature called "Wi-Fi Assist" that is designed to maintain a strong signal when you use your phone to access the internet.

Suppose you've set your phone to use a Wi-Fi internet connection at work and at home. As you move around, the Wi-Fi signal may become weaker, endangering your internet connection. Wi-Fi Assist then automatically switches the phone from Wi-Fi to cellular so that your internet access isn't interrupted; it will stay on cellular as long as the Wi-Fi signal is weak. Your only clue that this has happened will be the reappearance of the cellular icon at the top left of your phone screen. If you don't notice the change, your phone could be using gigabytes of metered cellular data on apps such as Pandora (which uses up to a gigabyte of cellular data in 36 hours.)

To avoid this, turn off Wi-

Fi Assist. Click on settings, select Cellular and scroll to the bottom of the lengthy menu to find the on-off button for Wi-Fi Assist.

Alternatively, leave Wi-Fi Assist on, but prevent high data-use apps from using cellular (they'll continue to work on Wi-Fi.) Click Settings, select Cellular, then browse the list of apps under "use cellular data for" and turn off those that are heavy data users.

Q: I upgraded to Windows 10 several months ago. But after the most recent Windows 10 update, my QuickBooks Pro 2011 accounting program stopped working. While I have backups of my business and personal accounting files, the program can't open them. Is there a workaround?

A: The only practical solution is to buy a newer copy of QuickBooks, such as the 2015 or 2016 versions that are designed to work on Windows 10. Software firm Intuit, the owner of QuickBooks, says it doesn't guarantee that earlier versions will work on Windows 10.

Q: My HP Omni PC came with BeatsAudio music-enhancing software. But after a recent Windows 10 update, the BeatsAudio program seems to have disappeared. What can I do?

A: BeatsAudio software, which modifies the bass sound frequencies typically found in hip-hop music, seems to disappear when a Windows 10 update makes the Beats software driver stop working.

To download a new software driver, go to tinyurl.com/q3v4xkh. The download will begin automatically. Let it complete, and then double-click on the file.

Life & Style

Garth Brooks wins top award, Beyonce performs at CMA Awards

By MESFIN FEKADU
AP MUSIC WRITER

Garth Brooks, who lost entertainer of the year at last year's Country Music Association Awards when he returned to music after a 13-year break, won the top prize at the show Wednesday, where Beyonce and the Dixie Chicks' surprise duet performance was met with love and hate.

Brooks beat out Carrie Underwood, Chris Stapleton, Keith Urban and last year's

winner, Luke Bryan.

"We are so damn lucky to part of this thing called country music," Brooks yelled loudly at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee.

Taylor Swift presented Brooks the award, but she wasn't the only pop star in the building: Beyonce sang her twangy song "Daddy Lessons" on a night celebrating the CMA Awards' 50th anniversary. It was the first time Beyonce, a Houston native, performed at the country

awards show. The performance also marked a return for the Dixie Chicks, who hadn't attended the CMA Awards in some time.

"Everybody get on your feet. Put your hands together," Beyonce told the crowd.

The diva sported a sheer champagne-colored dress that plunged in the center and layered pearls around her neck. Faith Hill sang along, Trisha Yearwood clapped and Miranda Lambert moved side to side during the song, which the Dixie



Garth Brooks accepts the award for entertainer of the year at the 50th annual CMA Awards at the Bridgestone Arena on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016, in Nashville, Tenn.

which included Randy Travis, Vince Gill, Charley Pride, Roy Clark, Alabama, Charlie Daniels, Ricky Skaggs, Alan Jackson, Dwight Yoakam and Merle Haggard's youngest son, Ben.

Dolly Parton, who earned the Willie Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award, was honored by Reba, Underwood, Martina McBride, Jennifer Nettles and Kacey Musgraves, who all sang a rousing rendition of "I Will Always Love You."

"I would have cried, but I didn't want to mess up my eyelashes," said Parton, sporting a bright yellow dress.

Chris Stapleton, who won big at last year's show, was the night's top winner with two: He took home male vocalist and music video of the year.

"What a wonderful night ... I've cried just watching everybody," said Stapleton, who walked into the show as the top nominee along with Eric Church and newcomer Maren Morris.

Cuaron film crew injured in Mexico City altercation

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Several security or staff members on the film crew for Oscar-winning director Alfonso Cuaron's latest movie were left bloodied and bruised after an altercation with borough officials on a downtown Mexico City street, authorities said Wednesday.

The Mexican director is making his first film in Mexico in at least 15 years. No title has been announced, but Participant media says the movie is about "a year in the life of a middle-class family in Mexico City in the early 1970s."

After winning an Oscar for the space epic "Gravity," Cuaron is returning to his roots, but Mexico City's rough streets aren't like Hollywood.

The dispute on Tuesday involved private security personnel apparently hired by the film crew, who had taped off part of some streets, either for filming or support

vehicles.

The city prosecutor's office said they had permission from a federal film board to do so. But officials from the borough of Cuauhtemoc—which covers the downtown area—arrived and said they hadn't been notified.

The officials began to collect and confiscate the traffic cones the crew was using to rope off space. The security crew tried to stop them, displaying the permit, but borough officials said that borough permits were needed and that street closures for filming had become a problem in the downtown area.

City police that "after an exchange of words, there was an altercation, with no injuries reported."

But city prosecutors said they had opened an investigation into the dispute, because "the victims were the subject of verbal and physical aggressions, and some of them had personal possessions taken."

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In a statement Wednesday, the film company "Espectaculos Filmicos El Coyul" distributed copies of permits issued by the city's film board, as well as photographs showing at least three men with head wounds apparently caused by blows. The company did not say whether the men were members of the crew or security staff.

"This wasn't an 'altercation,' as some authorities have reported, it was an attack," the company said. "And there were people injured: two women were hit, and five members of our team had to be taken to a hospital, and wallets, cellphones and jewelry were stolen."

In a video posted by borough president Ricardo Monreal at the time of the incident—but which doesn't show the altercation—Monreal complains about the crew's activities.

xie Chicks have also covered at their live shows.

Beyonce and the trio's appearance, though, wasn't cheered by everyone: On social media some fans tweeted angrily about the performance—some country music fans have disliked Dixie Chicks since band member

Natalie Maines criticized former U.S. President George W. Bush over a decade ago.

The night featured a number of other memorable performances, too: A mix of classic and contemporary country stars kicked off the show with 12 performances to celebrate its milestone anniversary,

Prince's songs to be administered by Universal Music

NEW YORK (AP)—Universal Music Publishing Group has won the exclusive rights to administer Prince's vast song catalog, from "Alphabet St." to "Little Red Corvette."

The music publishing giant announced the deal Wednesday and said it would "work closely with Prince's estate to

develop new creative outlets for his music."

During a career spanning four decades, Prince sold more than 100 million albums worldwide, with hit singles that included "Let's Go Crazy," "Kiss" and "Batdance."

Prince signed to Warner Brothers records in 1977 and

they released the biggest albums of his career, among them "Purple Rain" and "Sign o' the Times."

But the songwriter and the company fell out for nearly 20 years, a split so acrimonious that Prince changed his stage name to a symbol. The two sides later reconciled.

Secret marriage threatens to tear Thai family apart

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, a young Thai adult, is socially immature. Her mother and I are American citizens, and we recently brought her to the U.S. on a tourist visa to expose her to Western culture. While she was there, a suitor -- who is nearly 40, divorced, with two small kids -- manipulated her. After she returned to Thailand, she continued communicating with him on Facebook.

The guy flew to Thailand, secretly married her and left the country. He is now in the process of acquiring a spousal immigration visa, and we are desperately afraid of losing our daughter. We're not convinced that she's in love with him. We think she's just trying to escape her Tiger Mom, who insists on Thai culture, respect and adherence to family values.

We are considering appealing to the government requesting denial of the visa request. Your take?

CONCERNED DAD IN THAILAND

DEAR CONCERNED DAD: What this man did is reprehensible. Because you don't know him, one has to wonder if anything he told your daughter about himself is true -- including his age, marital status and whether he is a parent.

Since you didn't mention your daughter's age or if she is old enough to consent to marriage, consulting a lawyer to help you navigate through government channels would be a good place

to start. You have my sympathy, and I wish you luck.

DEAR ABBY: I've been with "Derek" for two months. We're both 14, and had an on-and-off friendship before it started.

Derek has a history of mental illness (including depression and anxiety). Lately, he has started talking about things like college plans and even marriage. He flatters me nonstop and says repeatedly how "perfect" and "goddess-like" I am, completely degrading himself in the process. He says he is "weak, stupid and ugly" compared to me.

I'm afraid to dump him because Derek has attempted suicide several times in the past and has hinted at doing it again if I do. I can't say the words to him with that hanging over me.

His parents are unreachable, and he's already on medication. Derek has refused counseling in the past. I'm really afraid, but I can't stand staying in this relationship much longer. Thoughts?

AFRAID IN OREGON

DEAR AFRAID: If you haven't spoken to your parents about Derek and his emotional blackmail, do it immediately. You are not responsible for his welfare -- his family is. Derek appears to be in need of more professional help than he is receiving. Encourage him to think about positive things like college, but tell him you are too young for ANY

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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kind of permanent exclusive relationship. Period. Once your parents know what's going on, I'm sure they will back you up 100 percent.

DEAR ABBY: What exactly should one be doing while being serenaded with the birthday song?

LAUREN, THE BIRTHDAY GIRL

DEAR LAUREN: SMILE!

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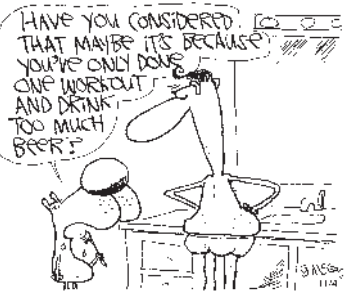
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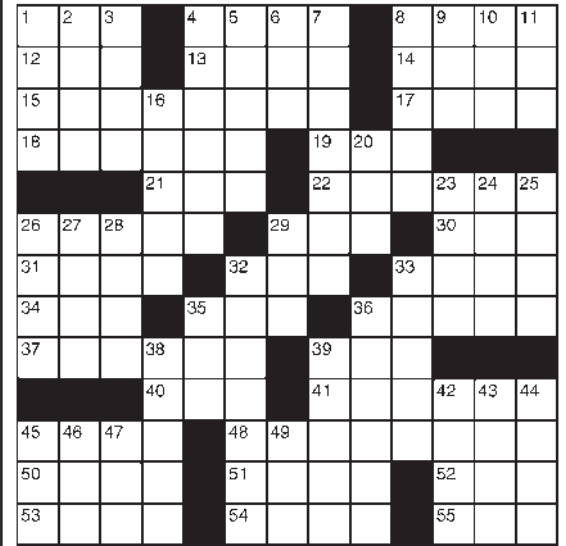
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16 Stanley of "Big Night" 20 CIA operative 23 Actor's quest 24 Eager 25 Easy targets 26 Palm starch 27 Begged 28 Vogue rival 29 Calendar abbr. 32 Hearty embrace 33 Hedge plant 35 Omega preceder 36 Bullock of "Gravity" 38 Impudent 39 Primary 42 Assess 43 Flair 44 Santa's ride 45 Irate 46 Hearty brew 47 Cornfield noise 49 Enzyme suffix

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 11-4



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sean Combs, 47; Matthew McConaughey, 47; Ralph Macchio, 55; Kathy Griffin, 56.

Happy Birthday: Concentrate on home, your surroundings and how you can customize your home to be an environment that motivates you to do more of the things you enjoy doing. Bring about positive changes both in your professional and personal worlds, and fine-tune your routine to optimize your time. Make romance a priority, and honesty and integrity your first concerns. Your numbers are 4, 18, 20, 27, 31, 36, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Watch your back. You'll face opposition that can mar your reputation if you aren't diplomatic. Think matters through and take a reserved approach when dealing with peers and superiors. Personal gains will result if you are astute and articulate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will accomplish a lot if you travel, initiate a meeting or discuss what you are doing with a business or personal partner. Your ability to get your point across in a persuasive manner will pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be tempted to overspend. Take a moment to price-check and bargain-hunt before you complete payment. You can make all sorts of positive personal changes without going into debt. Start by working out and improving your diet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Navigate your way to the top. Look at every situation from different angles and you will

find the best solution. Your diligence, insight and ability to articulate your vision will lead to victory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Discipline and hard work will pay off. Set up a new workout routine or diet plan and aim to bring about positive changes to your health and competitive drive. Problems at home will escalate due to emotional manipulation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make an unusual change to the way you handle domestic affairs and you will grab the attention of someone who's not paying attention. Sign up for something you can enjoy and learn from at the same time. Protect your assets and possessions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep life simple, to the point and free of drama. Moderation and sticking to basics will help you avoid a dispute. Don't let emotions cloud your common sense. Physical activity and pampering will help ease stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Gather information and put together a plan that will encourage you to turn your dream into a reality. Change will do you good and help you find new ways to use your skills and expertise to reach your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll have plenty of good ideas, but if you haven't thought them through, you will end up paying the price. Research carefully every aspect of what you want to do before you make promises you cannot keep.

EUGENIA LAST THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Hidden matters will be revealed. Weigh the consequences of the information you receive and strategize carefully to ensure that you come out on top. You can outmaneuver anyone if you put your mind to it. Take action before it's too late.

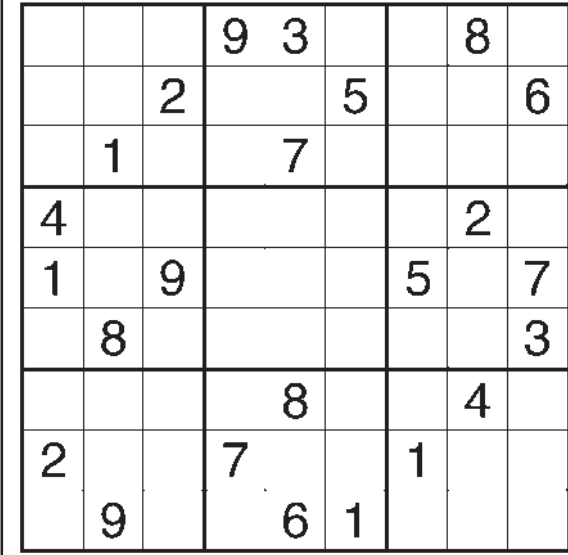
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Concentrate on how you can get ahead, not how you can help others. Find a way to make your skills and knowledge marketable. Don't overspend or invest in something you can't afford. The upgrades you make don't have to be costly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The contributions you make will encourage others to step up and help. Your intuition will help you make good choices when it comes to financial, medical and contractual affairs. Don't let emotional demands hold you back.

Birthday Baby: You are curious, insightful and determined. You are charming and entertaining. Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ http://bit.ly/exhoro and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.

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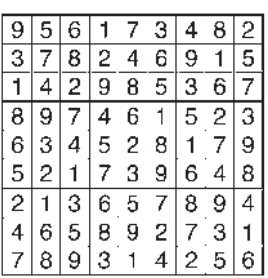
Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 11/04

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY**
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 4. Adoption of Minutes October 22, 2016
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹**
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION²**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Hearing for letter of appeal
- V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER**
- VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

/S/ Antonio L. Borja
Chairman

¹ We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.
² Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on November 17, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands on Saipan, Petitioner Norman Tenorio will and hereby does move the Court to reopen the Estate in the above-entitled matter and to issue Letters of Administration to Lorinda Leon Guerrero Castro and to appoint Ms. Castro as successor personal representative. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2016.

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Williams lifts Lakers to 123-116 comeback win over Hawks



ATLANTA (AP)—Lou Williams wasn't surprised he saved his best for the end.

Williams scored 16 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, and the Los Angeles Lakers rallied after trailing most of the game to beat the Atlanta Hawks 123-116 on Wednesday night.

Williams, the Atlanta native who played for the Hawks from 2012-14, had a quiet game before his big final quarter.

"The fourth quarter is normally my best quarter of my career," Williams said.

The Hawks led 60-51 at halftime. The Lakers, led by D'Angelo Russell's 23 points, dominated the second half. It was an impressive performance for a team playing the second straight night at the end of a four-game road trip. It was their first win of the trip.

"We're just learning," said Nick Young, who had 17 points. "We've pretty much been in every game. It was bound to go our way one of these nights."

Dwight Howard had 31 points and 11 rebounds and Tim Hardaway Jr. had 26 points for Atlanta.

A 3-pointer by Brandon Ingram early in the fourth quarter gave the Lakers a 99-98 lead—their first since the opening period. A layup by Williams stretched the Lakers' lead to 107-100.

A steal and basket by Atlanta's Dennis Schroder and a 3-pointer by Kyle Korver—his first points of the game—cut the lead to two.

Williams beat the shot clock with a 3-pointer, and a jam by Larry Nance Jr. gave the Lakers a 118-112 lead.

After Julius Randle blocked



AP
Atlanta Hawks' Dennis Schroder, right, of Germany, moves to the basket against Los Angeles Lakers' Tarik Black during the second quarter of an NBA basketball game in Atlanta, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016.

a shot by Schroder, Young's 3-pointer with 17.9 seconds remaining clinched the win.

The Lakers outscored the Hawks 72-56 in the second half while excelling in the up-tempo pace the Hawks hope to embrace.

When asked if the Hawks like the fast pace, Korver said "We like to play defense, too."

Clearly, giving up 123 points didn't fit Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer's plan.

"You can't ever feel good if you give up that kind of offense in two consecutive quarters," Budenholzer said.

Hornets 109, 76ers 93

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Kemba Walker had 22 points and Nicolas Batum scored 17 of 20 points in a pivotal third quarter as the Charlotte Hornets handed the Philadelphia 76ers their fourth straight loss

to open the season.

Led by Batum, the Hornets opened the second half on a 16-2 run to erase a seven-point halftime deficit and gain control.

The 76ers didn't help themselves with eight turnovers in the third quarter that led to 12 Charlotte points.

Frank Kaminsky provided a huge boost off the bench for Charlotte (3-1), finishing with 14 points for his second-straight double-digit game since returning from a sprained foot.

Nets 109, Pistons 101

In New York, Brook Lopez had 34 points and 11 rebounds and Sean Kilpatrick added 24 points as the Nets beat the Pistons.

Brooklyn hit 16 of its 20 shots in the first quarter to take a 38-30 advantage. Detroit cut the lead to 11 head-

ing into the fourth quarter and then as close as five with 1:34 remaining.

Tobias Harris and Marcus Morris each scored 23 points, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 15 points and Jon Leuer added 11 for the Pistons.

Rockets 118, Knicks 99

In New York, James Harden had 30 points and 15 assists as the Rockets routed the Knicks.

Eric Gordon added 21 points for Houston while Harden also grabbed six rebounds in Cleveland.

Carmelo Anthony scored 21 points for the Knicks, who besides their poor defense also heard loud boos for their rebounding and turnovers in a dismal performance.

Raptors 113, Wizards 103

In Washington, DeMar DeRo-

zan continued his hot start by scoring 40 points and outdueling John Wall in a showcase of All-Star guards as the Raptors beat the winless Wizards.

DeRozan was 14 of 23 from the floor despite leaving the game briefly to get his ankles taped. Raptors backcourt made Kyle Lowry needed three stitches to close a cut below his right eye but still scored 18 points.

Wall was dominant in leading Washington with 33 points on 13 of 19 shooting and 11 assists. Otto Porter was 11 of 13 from the field for 23 points and Bradley Beal scored 15, but the Wizards did themselves in with 21 turnovers that Toronto turned into 30 points.

Grizzlies 89, Pelicans 83, OT

In Memphis, Tennessee, JaMychal Green scored 21 points and Mike Conley added 20 as the Grizzlies beat the still-winless Pelicans.

James Ennis had 16 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis, while Zach Randolph finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds, part of the Grizzlies outrebounding the Pelicans 52-43.

Lance Stephenson led New Orleans with 21 points and six assists, while Langston Galloway and rookie Buddy Hield had 18 points each. Anthony Davis, the league's second-leading scorer, was limited to 10 points, connecting on only 3 of 13 shots as New Orleans lost its fifth straight.

Thunder 85, Clippers 83

In Los Angeles, Russell Westbrook hit a jumper with 18.7 seconds left and finished with 35 points as Oklahoma City remained unbeaten with victory over Los Angeles.

Westbrook added six rebounds and five assists for the Thunder, who surged in the final minutes of a tight meeting between Western Conference contenders.

Chris Paul had 15 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists for the Clippers, who hit just one shot in a 5 1/2-minute span late in the fourth quarter.

Suns 118, Trail Blazers 115, OT

In Phoenix, Eric Bledsoe dropped in a rainbow 3-pointer at the overtime buzzer, giving Phoenix victory over Portland.

Bledsoe finished with 20 points, his only 3 being the game-winner. The shot gave the Suns their first win of the season.

The Suns went ahead by six points in overtime, but the Blazers tied it at 115 when Lillard scored and was fouled with 6.4 seconds left.

Lillard's 27 points led the Blazers, with C.J. McCollum adding 24.

Celtics 107, Bulls 100

In Boston, Isaiah Thomas had 23 points and 10 assists as Boston handed the Bulls their first loss of the season.

Amir Johnson also finished with 23 points, including four 3-pointers.

The Bulls cut into what had been a 16-point Boston lead in the fourth quarter and tied it at 100 on two free throws by Nikola Mirotic. But Boston regained the lead 101-100, then went up five on a driving layup by Thomas and basket by Marcus Smart.

Jimmy Butler led Chicago with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Jazz 97, Mavericks 81

In Salt Lake City, George Hill scored 25 points as the Jazz defeated the Mavericks.

Hill continued to power the Jazz offensively after coming to the team in a three-way trade with the Pacers and Hawks last summer. He has scored 18-plus points in all five games, the only Jazz player to do so.

Rodney Hood scored 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Jazz as teammate Rudy Gobert had 12 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks.

Harrison Barnes led the Mavericks with 14 points, but they shot just 26.9 percent behind the arc.

For Wolves' Gorgui Dieng, \$64M was the right price to stay

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—In the funny-money economics of the new NBA, Gorgui Dieng's four-year, \$64 million contract extension really isn't a lot of money.

In the real world that Dieng inhabits, the one in which his hometown in Senegal can't even get basic necessities for its hospital, \$64 million can, and will, have an incredible impact.

"It doesn't matter how much you make but what can you do with it," Dieng said Tuesday, one day after signing the contract to keep him with the Minnesota Timberwolves for the long haul. "I'm sure a lot of people make more money than I did before and they didn't do the right thing with it. I always wanted to help and I'm going to keep helping. I'm going to

do the best I can to my ability to make peoples' lives better."

Working hand-in-hand with Matter, a nonprofit dedicated to expanding health care throughout the world, and Roger and Nancy McCabe of the Timberwolves Fastbreak Foundation, Dieng has put together a three-phase "Gorgui Project" to deliver equipment and tools for the hospital and agriculture in Kebemer. Dieng has helped ship massive containers back home with X-ray machines, beds, rototillers and even a tractor to help those he left when he came to the United States to pursue a basketball career.

So while other big men like Utah's Rudy Gobert and Oklahoma City's Steven Adams signed extensions for four years and at least \$100

million, Dieng wasn't interested in squeezing every last dollar he could out of the Timberwolves. Had he declined the offer and become a free agent next summer, he likely would have commanded a contract of at least \$80 million. But in his four years in Minnesota, Dieng has found a home, and he made it clear he wanted to stay.

"I want to be here. I didn't want to be here I wouldn't have bought a house this summer," he said. "Everybody knew it. I wanted to be here. I don't like moving around back and forth. I like here. I like the organization. Great people. They help you. It's an easy task for me being here."

The 26-year-old Dieng has emerged as a versatile and dependable big man, able to

defend multiple positions, block shots, rebound and hit the midrange jumper. It didn't take long for new coach Tom Thibodeau to understand he is a perfect fit alongside Karl-Anthony Towns in the frontcourt. Dieng is averaging 13.0 points and 13.5 rebounds in the first two games this season.

"I think it's important for the organization," Thibodeau said. "Obviously, we feel very good about him signing. That's important for us to move forward. He embodies all the things we're looking for. He has had a very good start to his career. He continues to improve. He gets better and better, but it's also who he is: His character, his intelligence, his drive. I think those things are important."

Swelling under control, Roethlisberger hopes to play



PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said there's still pain two weeks after undergoing surgery to repair the meniscus in his left knee, but he isn't ruling himself out of Sunday's game at Baltimore.

"You have surgery two weeks ago, there's going to be a little bit (of pain)," Roethlisberger said.

"But listen, anybody in this locker room who's not feeling pain hasn't been on the football field. Everyone's feeling pain right now."

Roethlisberger took first-team snaps while practicing in a limited capacity on Wednesday. He practiced in a limited capacity last week and again on Monday.

Roethlisberger said it is important to feel comfortable on the field, protect himself in the pocket and keep the swelling down on his surgically repaired knee.

"I'm going to take it one day at a time," Roethlisberger said. "When I feel healthy and ready to go, I'll be ready."

Roethlisberger said the decision on whether or not he can play will be made by coach Mike Tomlin. Swelling has not been an issue so

far though Roethlisberger will continue to remain in contact with team physician Dr. James Bradley and monitor his knee as he ramps up his workload.

"Dr. Bradley said I've gone through this before so my body will tell me best how I feel," Roethlisberger said.

Roethlisberger injured his left knee during a loss against Miami and was initially expected to miss 4 to 6 weeks following the surgery. He underwent surgery the following day and missed a home loss against New England the next Sunday, though he jogged onto the field to greet his defensive teammates and was spotted walking in the locker room without a limp.

Roethlisberger began throwing passes during individual portions of practice two days later, just eight days after surgery. He practiced some with the first team and scout team on Monday, two weeks after his procedure, and again on Wednesday.

"I'm not sure how he feels, but he looked good," offensive lineman Ramon Foster said. "His health and how he's feeling, we're going to determine that at the rest of the week, but he looked like Ben."

The Steelers will go with fourth-year veteran Landry Jones if Roethlisberger can't



play. Jones played respectably during a 27-16 loss against New England on Oct. 23, throwing for 281 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

"I'm just going to prepare like I have been this whole season," Jones said. "(Ben) is kind of feel-

ing good. I don't know what his plan is this week as far as all that goes, but for me, it's the same old type of deal, just preparing and getting ready to go."

Jones said he is OK if it takes the entire week to decide whether or not Roethlisberger

is healthy enough to start.

"That's kind of what I'm expecting," Jones said. "Typically, that's how it's worked out in the past, just seeing how he feels the entire week and then making the decision."

Running back Le'Veon

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) sits on the sidelines, during the second half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

Bell liked how Roethlisberger looked on Wednesday, but he cautioned an early return.

"I don't know exactly how he feels, but he looked good," Bell said. "We're always pushing for him to come back, but I want him to take his time."

"I want to make sure he's good when he does come back and he doesn't have any setbacks, whether it's in practice or a game because it's a long season."

Since 2004, the Steelers are 11-8 against Baltimore when Roethlisberger plays and 1-6 when he has missed, including playoffs.

The Ravens have won five of the past six against Pittsburgh and 12 games in the past 10 years of the rivalry have been decided by 1 to 3 points.

Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs, who intends to play despite tearing his left biceps on Oct. 16, believes Roethlisberger will play.

"Tell Ben he's not fooling anybody," Suggs said on a conference call. "I've seen this movie too many times before. We know we'll see No. 7."

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Panthers quarterback Cam Newton's concerns about "illegal hits" have been heard by the NFL—and action has been taken.

A person familiar with the situation says Arizona Cardinals defensive tackle Calais Campbell has been fined \$18,000 for his hit on Newton in Sunday's game. The person spoke to The Associated Press Wednesday on condition of anonymity because the league does not publicly announce fines.

Newton had a phone conversation with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on Tuesday about his perspective on the hits he takes from defensive players while in the pocket.

"I got my point across. He got his point across. That's it," Newton said earlier Wednesday at his weekly news conference.

Newton said after Sunday's game he didn't feel protected in the pocket after no flag was thrown when Campbell crashed into his legs as he was releasing the football.

Dean Blandino, the NFL's senior vice president of officiating, said on NFL Network that Campbell should have been penalized for roughing the passer.

"You can see Campbell coming up the middle and he's going to hit Cam in the knee area or below; forcible contact, driving through with the shoulder—that's a foul for

Newton addresses concerns with Goodell; Campbell fined \$18K

roughing the passer," Blandino said on the show. "We want our referees to call that. We'll address that with the crews going forward."

Before the AP learned of Campbell's fine, Newton was asked if he thinks his concerns will be enforced on the field in the future and the quarterback replied, "We'll wait to see Sunday and moving forward."

The Panthers visit the Rams on Sunday.

Newton didn't provide details of his talk with Goodell, saying it was a "confidential conversation."

Newton did say he raised many of the same issues he had on Sunday when he blasted officials in his postgame news conference following Carolina's 30-20 win over Arizona. Newton said at the time he didn't feel safe in the pocket because officials were allowing defenders to take illegal shots at him.

Newton said he just wants to be treated like other NFL quarterbacks regardless of his size.

"Illegal hits for me start in the pocket," Newton said Wednesday. "It is funny how a lot of people have a lot to say. I know when I am running the football I am on my own. I understand that. I'm not a dummy or oblivious to the fact that



Carolina Panthers' Cam Newton speaks to the media during a news conference in Charlotte, N.C., Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016.

I run the football more than any quarterback who has ever

played this game. I mean, duh. I'm fine with that.

"In the pocket, that's all I'm asking for, just to get ... the same calls, that's all."

Newton said after his call with the commissioner he had a positive vibe.

"Anytime you're being heard, obviously, with a person of his magnitude, I respect that," Newton said. "I just wanted to be efficient of his time and make sure I got my point across. I believe I did. ... We ended on good terms. We started on good terms as well. Nothing changes."

Panthers coach Ron Rivera has supported Newton, comparing him to Shaquille O'Neal in that he doesn't get the calls because he's bigger than other players at his position.

"At the end of the day, it's not about special treatment," Rivera said. "It's about being treated the same."

During his first four seasons in the league, Newton benefited from 22 roughing-the-passer penalties against the opposition, according to NFL-penalties.com. However, since the start of the 2015 season no defender has been called for roughing the passer on hits to Newton—at least not a penalty that cost the opponent yards.

The Denver Broncos were flagged once in Week 1, but the penalty was offset because New-

ton was flagged for intentional grounding on the same play.

Panthers tight end Greg Olsen has been saying for years that Newton simply doesn't get the same calls as other quarterbacks.

"I have commented on this a thousand times—I think they should just enforce the rules," Olsen said. "That's not unreasonable. There are rules in place. It's not like we're trying to install new rules. The rules are there. So I don't think we need to make this overly complicated."

Rivera suggested earlier in the week the NFL may want to consider adding an eighth referee on the field next season to help protect the quarterback. He also suggested that teams should be allowed to challenge what they deem as an illegal hit on the quarterback.

When asked if it is more difficult to call roughing the passer penalties with a quarterback like Newton or Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger, Blandino replied, "It's the posture that's going to dictate the protection. We want our referees to be as consistent as possible, and quarterbacks have to understand that you get more protection in the pocket in a passing posture."

"And when you leave the pocket and you're in a running posture, you're going to lose protections."

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Cleveland Indians 8-7 in 10 innings of a Game 7 thriller early Thursday.

They even had to wait out an extra-inning rain delay to end the drought.

“It happened. It happened. Chicago, it happened,” first baseman Anthony Rizzo said after gloving the ball for the final out. “We did it. We’re world champions. I tell ya, we’re world champions. I can’t believe it.”

Rizzo put that final ball in his pocket, David Ross got carried off the field by his teammates and Bill Murray partied in the clubhouse.

And the whole time, blue-clad fans who traveled from Wrigley Field filled nearly the entire lower deck behind the Chicago dugout at Progressive Field, singing “Go, Cubs, Go!” in rain. They held up those white flags with the large blue “W” on a night many of their forebears had

waited for in vain.

Lovable losers for generations, the Cubs nearly let this one get away, too. All-Star closer Aroldis Chapman blew a 6-3 lead with two outs in the eighth when Rajai Davis hit a tying, two-run homer.

But the Cubs, after tormenting their fans one more time, came right back after a 17-minute rain delay before the top of the 10th.

Ben Zobrist hit an RBI double and Miguel Montero singled home a run to make it 8-6. Davis delivered an RBI single with two outs in the bottom half, but Mike Montgomery closed it out at 12:47 a.m., and the celebration was on.

“I think about so many millions of people giving so much love and support to this team for so many years,” said owner Tom Ricketts, who family bought the team in 2009.

Manager Joe Maddon’s team halted the longest title drought in baseball, becoming the first club to overcome a 3-1 Series deficit since the

1985 Kansas City Royals.

“This is an epic game. It’s epic. I can’t believe we were able to do it - 108 years in the making,” Zobrist said. “We did it.”

“They never quit, either,” Zobrist said. “They kept coming at us.”

Cleveland was trying to win its first crown since 1948, but manager Terry Francona’s club lost the last two games at home.

World Series favorites since spring training, Chicago led the majors with 103 wins this season.

The Cubs then ended more than a century of misery for their loyal fans—barely. Bryant, one of Chicago’s young stars, began to celebrate even before fielding a grounder by Michael Martinez to third base and throwing it across to Rizzo for the last out.

“It’s the best rain delay of all-time,” Rizzo said.

Zobrist was chosen as the World Series MVP, a year after he helped the Royals win the championship. Zobrist was

among the players brought to the Cubs by Theo Epstein, the baseball guru who added another crown to his collection. He also assembled the Red Sox team that broke Boston’s 86-year drought with the 2004 championship.

From Curse of the Bambino to the Billy Goat Curse, he ended another jinx.

“We don’t need a plane to fly home,” Epstein said. “It’s fitting it’s got to be done with one of the best games of all time.”

Cubs outfielder Jason Heyward had called a meeting during the rain delay, talking to his teammates in the weight room.

“I just had to remind everybody who we are, what we’ve overcome to get here,” he said.

While Cubs fans hugged with delight, there was only despair for the Indians, who now have gone longer than anyone without a crown. In the Indians’ previous World Series appearance, they were a double-play grounder from winning the 1997 title before losing Game 7 in 11 innings to

the Marlins.

“It’s going to hurt. It hurts because we care, but they need to walk with their head held high because they left nothing on the field,” Francona said.

Earlier this year, LeBron James and the Cavaliers ended Cleveland’s 52-year championship drought by overcoming a 3-1 deficit to beat Golden State for the NBA title. James and teammates were in a suite, rooting hard, as the Indians absorbed the same blow as the Warriors.

After defeating San Francisco and the Los Angeles Dodgers in the playoffs, Chicago became the first team to earn a title by winning Games 6 and 7 on the road since the 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates.

Dexter Fowler homered on Corey Kluber’s fourth pitch

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Matansa 7, Kanoa 1

In the other boys U17 division game, Matansa coasted past Kanoa.

Evan Belcher, Joshua De Leon, and Jun Sik Kim made two goals each for Matansa, which drew one from Lolobeyong Benito. Jhoey Noble registered the only goal for the winless Kanoa.

Kim lit up the board twice in the second half (20th and 30th minute), while Benito had his goal in the 26th to lift Matansa to a 3-0 halftime edge.

De Leon and Belcher then alternately scored for Matansa in the second half with the former getting his two goals in the 43rd and 69th minute and the latter in the 60th and 73rd. Noble broke Kanoa’s long silence in the 75th minute.

CO-ED U12 Kanoa 9, MP United-2 0

Kanoa kept the division lead after dominating MP United-2 in their game last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Kanoa now has a 6-0-1 slate, slightly ahead of MP United-1, which owns a 5-0-1 slate. MP United-2 is at the

of the game, 23-year-old Javier Baez and the 39-year-old Ross—set to now retire—also went deep for the Cubs, who led 5-1 in the fifth inning and 6-3 in the eighth.

Chapman wound up with the win, and Montgomery got one out for his first save in the majors.

Bryan Shaw, who gave up a leadoff single to Kyle Schwarber in the 10th, took the loss in just the fourth Game 7 that went to extra innings.

Albert Almora Jr., pinch-running for Schwarber, alertly took second on Bryant’s long fly to center. Rizzo was intentionally walked, and Zobrist slapped an opposite-field double past a diving third baseman Jose Ramirez. Montero singled to make it a two-run lead.

bottom of the team standings with its 1-0-5 card, while Paire (2-1-3), and TanHoldings (1-1-5) complete the field.

Merrick Toves towed Kanoa to its sixth win after drilling a hat trick. Daniel Mar Pablo and Brian Lubao chipped in two goals each, while Jim Kurt Maniago and Ronian Laxamana added one apiece.

MP United-1 8, TanHoldings 4

MP United-1 stayed in contention for the season championship after downing TanHoldings in the other game at the Hopwood pitch.

Rohan Basnet led MP United-1’s win after recording four goals, three of them came in succession in the second half and in a span of five minutes (44th, 48th, and 49th minute). Rintaro Miyawaki and Andrew Chung contributed two goals each for MP United-1, while Oliver Fajardo and Kohtaro Goto had the same feat for TanHoldings.

The spring champion MP United has two games left (vs MPU-1 this Saturday and Paire on Nov. 12) and must sweep them and hope that Kanoa drops its match against Paire tomorrow to take the fall title.

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did something that may have encapsulated everything Maddon loves about him.

Zobrist shortened his swing. He fouled off one pitch to stay alive. The next provided the biggest blow in Chicago’s season-long bout with the weight of its own history, a double inside third base that scored pinch-runner Albert Almora Jr. with the go-ahead run in an 8-7 win that gave the Cubs their first championship since 1908 and earned Zobrist the World Series MVP award.

“It’s a team game and I can’t believe I get the opportunity to hold this trophy,” he said.

Cleveland reliever Bryan Shaw intentionally walked Chicago slugger Anthony Rizzo to get to Zobrist, who entered the game hitting .391

in the Series but had gone hitless in four at-bats. Shaw quickly got ahead 1-2 before Zobrist—batting left-handed—poked a foul ball down the third base line past a diving Jose Ramirez. The next pitch was more of the same. In a situation where some of his teammates would have swung for the outer reaches of Progressive Field, Zobrist settled for making contact.

The normally understated Zobrist pointed toward the sky after his 10th and final hit of the series as the blue-clad fans who spent hundreds if not thousands of dollars to turn portions of the Indians’ home field into an eastern suburb of Wrigleyville roared once more.

“I know he threw a pretty hard cutter,” Zobrist said. “I just barely hung in there and fortunately he put one just

close enough to the plate where I could slap it down the line.”

By the time Zobrist went to the dugout to fetch his glove and ran back out to his spot in left field, the lead was two. Barely 10 minutes later, Zobrist was sprinting to join the dogpile in the infield after Kris Bryant threw to good friend Anthony Rizzo at first for the final out, the second time in as many years Zobrist found himself awash in the joy.

Last fall he helped the Kansas City Royals beat the New York Mets in five Series games. When he went looking for a job, there was really only one place to go: Chicago.

“Ben is a winning baseball player,” Cubs President of Baseball Operations Theo Epstein said the day Zobrist signed a four-year, \$56 million deal last December. “His offense, his defense, his baser-

didn’t dominate. Entering Game 7, he had allowed just one run in 17 innings over nine appearances in this postseason.

As it turned out, a second title for a Cleveland team in four months was too much to ask.

When LeBron James and the Cavaliers ended the city’s 52-year championship drought in June, the Indians went along for the ride as Cleveland morphed into “Believeland” and there was a feeling anything was possible.

And it was, until the Cubs came calling.

The Indians moved into first place in the AL Central on June 4 and never moved out. They won 14 straight games from June 17 to July 1 - a run that coincided with the Cavs winning their title - and then held off the Kansas City Royals and Detroit Tigers despite losing starters Carlos Carrasco

and Danny Salazar to injuries in September.

Cleveland played all but 11 games without All-Star left fielder Michael Brantley, who tried but couldn’t make it back following offseason shoulder surgery. The Indians also shook off PED suspensions of outfielders Marlon Byrd and Abraham Almonte by acquiring Coco Crisp and Brandon Guyer, two veterans who not only plugged holes in the lineup but provided veteran leadership for Cleveland’s youngsters.

But Francona was the real difference maker.

The 57-year-old manager, who guided Boston to two Series titles, somehow steered the Indians around danger for months. He got the most out of this team, mostly unknowns to the rest of the country, but now a team worth watching for years to come.

SHATTERED

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1997, when the Indians blew a late lead in Game 7 on a humid night in Florida and lost in extra innings to the Marlins.

The 2016 Indians weren’t expected to win the AL Central or beat Boston in the Division Series or take out Toronto in the AL Championship Series or push Chicago up against the wall. And yet, that’s what the Indians did, which is why it will sting all winter.

It was right there for them. After winning two of three at Wrigley Field, the Indians came home to Progressive Field with two chances to close out the Cubs, but couldn’t get it done. Cleveland is first Series team since the 1979 Baltimore Orioles to lose Games 6 and 7 in their own ballpark.

Kluber, magnificent throughout Cleveland’s dash through October, ran out of gas on a warm November night.

Taking on the Cubs for the third time in nine days was too much to ask of the right-hander, who won his first two starts in the Series. He gave up a homer to Dexter Fowler on his fourth pitch and was pulled in the fifth by manager Terry Francona, who had no choice but to start the 30-year-old on short rest if the Indians were going to have any chance against Chicago’s loaded lineup.

And while Kluber wasn’t as sharp in Game 7 as he had been, neither was Miller.

The lights-out left-hander, whose acquisition at the trade deadline vaulted the Indians from competitive to contenders, allowed two runs—one a homer to 39-year-old Cubs catcher David Ross—and

ed out for the CNMI along with Elaine Enriquez, Krizel Tuazon, De Jana Muna, Lyka Sally, Pinyarat Shankweiler, Bernadette Horey, Chloe Salvosa, Diana Maniacop, and captain Dianne Pablo. Anela Duenas and Carla Ballesteros also played against the Aussies, replacing Manacop and Alipio in the final half.

The CNMI players took a break yesterday and will play their last match in the qualifier today against Jordan at 4pm (6pm Saipan time). Jordan and Australia will then close the Group A qualifier on Sunday, and the top finisher in the group will advance to the finals along with the winners in three other pools.

CNMI bows to Australia in AFC qualifier

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World-ranked Australia handed the CNMI U19 Women's National Team a 16-0 beating during the opening game in Group A of the AFC U19 Women's Championship 2017

Qualifiers last Wednesday at the Jiangsu Training Base Stadium in Nanjing, China.

The Aussies took the win right away at the end of the first half, leading 11-0, before the Commonwealth players regrouped defensively and limited the production of their

Saipan Apparel dominates Junior Ol'Aces



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Saipan Apparel's Syl Teregeyo escapes with a fastbreak layup during an earlier game in the MIBF outdoor league at the San Antonio court.

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Saipan Apparel kept its spot at the top half of the team standings after beating the Junior Ol'Aces, 84-68, in the first game in the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League last Friday at the San Antonio court.

Saipan Apparel now holds a 4-3 record for a share of third place with GMI Market and behind Duenas Compound (5-1), Ace Hardware (5-1), and the Ol'Aces (5-2) in the 11-team field. The Junior Ol'Aces fell to an even 3-3 card to land at sixth spot.

Jerome Norita, Derrick Rangamar, Kelvin Fitial, and Syl Teregeyo got the job done for Saipan Apparel as all four scored in double figures. Norita finished with a game-high 23 points, Rangamar chipped in 15, and Fitial and Teregeyo added 11 apiece. Ed and Jerry Diaz and Pete Lizama combined for 18 more points in Saipan Apparel's balance offense.

Norita caught fire early, making 9 points in the first quarter, which ended with Saipan Apparel in front,

24-19. Norita went scoreless in the second period, but Ed Diaz, Syl Teregeyo, and Rangamar were there to fill the void and help Saipan Apparel keep the driver's seat at the break, 44-38.

Saipan Apparel's top scorer then regained his shooting form in the third quarter to bring their lead to twin digits, 66-56, while Fitial finished things for the team in the fourth canto. Norita added 7 points in the third frame, while Fitial nailed all his baskets in the final canto en route to their 16-point winning margin.

Jeffrey Castro had 22 markers in a losing effort for the shorthanded Junior Ol'Aces, which showed up for the match with only six players. Greg Sablan and Brandy Onopwy contributed 18 and 13, respectively.

Saipan Apparel 84 — Norita 23, Rangamar 15, Fitial 11, Teregeyo 11, E. Diaz 8, J. Diaz 5, Lizama 5, Barrozo 4, Parido 2.

Junior Ol'Aces 68 — Castro 22, Sablan 18, Onopwy 13, Kabiriel 8, Siech 7.

Scoring by quarters: 24-19, 44-38, 66-56, 84-68.



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CNMI U19 Women's National Team assistant coach Jimmy Tang supervises the squad's drills during a training session at the Oleai Sports Complex Field late last month. The CNMI players are in Nanjing, China, competing in the AFC U19 Women's Championship 2017 Qualifiers.

heavily favored opponents.

"During the first half the girls were a bit overwhelmed by the hard pressure that Australia was giving. Australia is definitely a much stronger, skilled, and experienced team. They switch the ball from left to right very quickly and accurately so organizing our defensive unit was difficult to do. Our messy defense plus the difference in our physical strength compared to theirs cost us many goals in the first

half," team manager Mikky Vargas said in an email sent to *Saipan Tribune*.

With the Land Down Under bets pulling away, the CNMI's coaching staff, led by Luam Khen Koo, had a pep talk with the players and necessary defensive adjustments were made.

"During half time, the coaches encouraged the girls

and corrected them on their mistakes. Afterwards, the girls did an amazing job in the second half. It was as if a different team was playing. Their defense was organized and they started communicating.

Though the girls were tired, they stayed disciplined. What made it hard for Australia to penetrate during the second half was our constant cov-

ering after one person was beaten, thus saving us many goals. The coaches set a goal of allowing no more than six goals for the second half," Vargas said.

After the big improvement in the second half, one of the team's assistant coaches—Jimmy Tang—commended the CNMI players.

"We are nothing. No ranking. Not even zero. We are below

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MP United Football Club moved up to the top spot in the boys U17 division standings after blanking Paire FC in their game in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

The spring champion grabbed the No. 1 spot from idle TanHoldings and Matansa after gaining a 5-1-1 win-draw-loss record. Matansa slid to second with its 4-2-1 slate, while TanHoldings (4-1-1) is ranked third.

Two playing weeks are left in the division and the remaining matches will decide which among the three teams will take the fall championship.

On Nov. 12, Matansa and TanHoldings will collide in a crucial 9am game with the winner to boost its title bid. MP United will not play in the penultimate week, which will also feature a match between Kanoa (0-0-6) and Paire (1-0-5). For the final week, MP United will face Kanoa in one of the two important games on Nov. 19. The other key match will have TanHoldings battling

MP United grabs boys U17 lead



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MP United's Go Sekiguchi, left, tries to get away from the defense of a Paire Football Club player to chase the ball during their first round meeting in the boys U17 division of the NMIFA fall league at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Paire. There are no games in the division this Saturday, as some members of the participating teams are in Japan for a training camp.

Tenorio are among the players attending the training camp and before they left for Japan they helped MP United shut down Paire. Teno-

rio scored in the 43rd minute, while Park also hit the board in the 72nd. MP United posted its other goal in the first half, thanks to Oliver Lee's shot in the 22nd minute.

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Cubs win 1st World Series since 1908

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CLEVELAND (AP)—Kris Bryant started to smile even before he fielded the ball. And with his throw to first for the final out, the agonizing wait 'til next year was over at last.

Zobrist's big hit gives Cubs
newcomer World Series MVP



AP
Chicago Cubs left fielder Ben Zobrist holds up the MVP trophy after Game 7 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Cleveland Indians Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016, in Cleveland.

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CLEVELAND (AP)—This is why Ben Zobrist came back home. And this is why manager Joe Maddon wanted him so badly.

The Cubs needed a veteran in the clubhouse to teach their seemingly endless supply of budding young stars, someone who'd been there. Who'd done that. Who cared little about curses or droughts. Who knew what Maddon wanted and how to translate it.

Zobrist, fresh off a World Series title with the Kansas City Royals, was searching for a place to spend the final years of a consistently fine career. What better place to do it than a 2-hour drive from where he grew up in central Illinois?

And there he was early Thursday morning, standing in the batter's box in the top of the 10th inning in Game 7, facing a two-strike count with two runners on. Then the 35-year-old switch-hitter

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» Chicago beats Indians in Game 7

No more Billy Goat, no more Bartman, no more black-cat curses.

For a legion of fans who waited a lifetime, fly that W: Your Chicago Cubs are World Series champions.

Ending more than a century of flops, futility and frustration, the Cubs won their first title since 1908, outlasting the

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AP
Chicago Cubs celebrate after Game 7 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Cleveland Indians Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016, in Cleveland. The Cubs won 8-7 in 10 innings to win the series 4-3.



Shattered: Indians' dream season ends in Game 7 extras

By TOM WITHERS
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CLEVELAND (AP)—They conquered injuries, adversity and doubts all season. The little team that could.

The Indians were models of resiliency, the comeback kids. Knock 'em down, they bounced right back and they did it again in Game 7 on the brink of heartbreak.

But they couldn't contain the curse-busting Cubs.

Cleveland's unexpected, unforgettable season ended one victory shy of—and so achingly close to—a World Series title as Chicago completed a comeback from a 3-1 deficit to capture its first championship since 1908, beating the Indians 8-7 in 10 innings early Thursday.

The Indians just didn't have enough as ace Corey Kluber couldn't win for a third time in the Series, Andrew Miller

looked mortal in relief and an overtaxed bullpen finally crumbled in extra innings.

Rajai Davis' two-run homer

in the eighth briefly saved the season, but this year belongs to the Cubs, who scored twice in the 10th off Bryan Shaw fol-

lowing a 17-minute rain delay.

Cleveland tried to rally yet again in the bottom half, when Davis' two-out RBI single made it 8-7. But then Michael Martinez grounded out against Mike Montgomery, and it was over.

Forced to take on America's new favorite postseason pastime, these talented Cubbies, without two starters, Cleveland came up just a bit short.

Now the Indians' World Series drought of 68 years is baseball's longest.

After the final out, most Cleveland players quickly left the dugout. Not Jason Kipnis.

The second baseman, who grew up in suburban Chicago rooting for the Cubs, leaned on the railing and briefly watched a celebration that remains only a dream.

This one hurts for Cleveland fans, but not as much as



AP
A Cleveland Indians fan reacts during a watch party during Game 7 of the baseball World Series between the Indians and the Chicago Cubs, outside Progressive Field, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016, in Cleveland.

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